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New Bedford 9th mo. 21 1834 — 1st day of the week — Attended meeting held at our own mg. house — and in the afternoon at the Episcopal Church, remr. of the day & evg. at home — Bro. Wm called to see father Prior — & T. A. Greene called in the evg — Mother Prior dined below stairs again to day, the 2d time since their arrival —

2d day 22d — Spent most of the day in attending to my wharf business, visited towards evg. with my associates as overseers, the House of Correction, — and after tea attended the meeting of merchants & others at the B. C. Ins. Office to consider the State of the finances of the Port Socy. and devise means for continuing its operations — Elizabeth Fisher took tea with us —

3d. day 23d — Spent the [illegible] in attendg. to my wharf business — evg at home went twice to the Island —

4th day 24th Engaged most of the day at the wharf & Island went twice to the latter — Evg. attended a lecture by the venerable & veteran Philologist Dr. Noah Webster on language as a clue to the common origin of nations &c at the Lyceum

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5th day 25th. Devoted the day to my wharf business, went to the Island &c.
All — John Fisher & his son Joshua took tea with us — C. W. Morgan called to see father. Fair &c
6th day 26th. Spent the day principally at the C. J. house — in attending to my wharf business &c — ws. at a party at sister Anna's where I saw our old friend Jeremiah Winslow of Havre who arrived in town yesterday & is a guest of my brother Williams
7th day 27th Occupied through the day with my whf & C. J. house business &c. at home
1st day 28th attended meetings and in the ws. a mg. of the members to hear some statements from Dr. Rowland Greene relative to the wants of the friends of No. Carolina as to the means of education and with a view to aid in the establishment of a Boarding School which the Yearly Mg. are endeavg. to effect — Jos. Williams called in the ws. — The Ship Magnolia Capt. Howland sail'd this morng. on a voyage to the Pacific —

2. day 29th. Spent the day, at home or
in attending to my business at the wharf
C.J. house Academy &c — Evg. at home
3d. day 30th. Occupied most of the day about
my wharf & Counting house business, — Ac-
companied Mr. Chase H. after dinner to
see my Uncle Williams new house which
is very spacious and combines many conven-
iencies and luxuries in its arrangements
— But are it seems better adapted to the age
of his wife than to his own age. for whose
gratification mainly it may be presumed
to have been built — The Bed Room and
the Attic shows the turn of my uncle to
investigate what is curious in nature. —
My own father & mother & sister Eliza and
niece Elizabeth Fisher and Anna Rodman
took tea with us, & C. Morgan called
in the Evening — C. F. leaves for Phila. tomor-
row —
4th. day 10mo. 1. Occupied with my wharf
business through the day Evg. at home
5th. Day 2d. Engaged at the Wharf. C.J. house
&c. — P.M. — at those places of business
& the Island; Evg. at home
6th. Day 3 — Engaged through the day at the
C.J. house wharf &c — Evg. at home, went
to the Island P.M. — to attend to the work
there & to see the State of a load of Stones
lost last night
7th. day 4th. Attended to C.J. house business

AM — PM went to the Island to see the attempted to get up the last load of Stone — the weather was unfavorable and the success very partial — Evg. at home
1st day 5th Attended Mtg. AM and went with Ma Chas H— to Westport (Slocums neck) to attend the funeral of Tabitha Gifford. the gathering was so large that the females filled the house & we therefore as did sister Anna & her daughter remained in our Carriages till the procession passed was formed when we joined it and followed the remains to the grave which was but a few rods from the house — She was a very worthy woman and will be very generally lamented in that quarter — the weather was very clear though cool & the ride on the whole very pleasant Evg. at home —
2d. day 6th Occupied through the day in attending to my wharf business in its various departments — Evg. at home, except calling at J. Rotch's to attend Ma Chas H home after accompanying her thither —
3d. day 7th — Attended the Probate Court in relation to my Executorship to the Estate of the late Geo Palmer, and devoted the remainder of the day to my wharf business — PM at the Island endeavoring to get up Stones lost last week at the mooring Ship — Success but very partial, Evg at home, too much fatigued to attend the Mtg of the Lyceum or the adjd. Mtg. of Citizens to

consider the situation as to funds of the N.B. Port Soc'y for the Mor.l Imp.t of Seamen which I should have been pleased otherwise to do —
4th day 8th. Went to the Isle of Marsh before breakfast to make another attempt to get up the stones from the mooring station, but with little success — went again thither before noon & again towards evening, otherwise engaged about the wharf & Cy. House. at Eve.g attended a Mtg of the trustees of the N.B. Inst.n for Savgs and called at Geo. W. Morgan's where, where my father Prior, Ed & Sister Phebe took tea —
5th day 9th. Went to the Isl.d before breakfast to see to the attempts to get up the stones, but they were but very partially successful, attended afterwards to Cy. house business, and was was detained at home by rain & by a long call from the French teacher Mr Frontin P.M. — attended a Temperance lecture in the Evg by Lucius Manlius Sargent of Boston — the weather was very unfavorable and the audience in consequence small. lecture good —
6th day 10th. Went to the Island before breakfast to make further efforts to get up some of the lost stones. succeeded in raising one only, the wind blowing a gale from the N.W. Spent the rem.r of the day principally in relation to the House of Correction — met the Cy. Com.rs this afternoon at C.H. Warren's Office and afterwards with my associate overseers visited the House of Correction — my father mother & sister E. took tea with us. — after which

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accompanied Sister P. to hear Mr. Sargent's
2d. lecture on Temp.ce — this was before the Young
Men's Tem. Soc.y & Eng. find though cool audience
large, & lecture satisfactory —
7th. day 11th. Went to the Island before breakfast
to endeavour to get up more of the lost stones, had
some success, gave the rem.d of the day to my
Cy. house business. Drank tea & spent part of
the Eveg at fathers with my father in Law bro. & bro. E.
& sister P — afterward called with the former & bro. E
at T. A Greene —
1st day 12th. Attended Meetings - Sermon A. M.
by Thomas Kite of Phil.a — P. M. by Thomas
Harnet of Ohio — Several of the friends of our
parents from New York called Abm. Russell &
wife Jn.o Howland Jr & Phebe Howland — and
after dinner my uncle Wm. & his wife & Sarah
Arnolds & Aunt Mary — sister Eliza —
they expect. to set off for home to morrow
— The town was alarmed by fire about
8 O'Clk, which proved to be in a bakehouse
at the foot of School Street. It was
soon checked after the Engines got in
operation —
2d. day 13th. Occupied in the morning in rela-
tion to the departure of my parents in law
& bro. Ed. who with their domestic, Maria,
left us about 7¼ O'Clk in fathers carriage
to take passage at Newport in the Steam
Boat President for New York, the weather
having been very mild & pleasant I
think my brother must have got on

comfortably though so much of an invalid — the weather has continued mild & moderate till 9½ P.M. when the wind changed to the   and is quite high with rain I trust however that the qualy. of the Boat & skill of the Captn. & men will secure them a safe & short though the succeedg part of it may be unpleasant — I have been occupied through the day with my wharf business & evg at home — Dr. Russell of Ohio & formerly from Litchfield Connt. called upon me in relation to procurg. a voyage in a whale ship for his health called with him at James Howlands one of the owners of the ship Russell —

3. day 14th. Spent most of the day with my workmen at the Islander. evg. at my fathers to enquire after my mother who was taken seriously ill about noon to day. great delay was experienced in getting medical aid Dr Read being out of town — late in the afternoon Dr Spooner was present and bled her, which was succeeded by a quiet sleep of several hours, and she awoke considerably relieved — many of the family branches were there also in the course of the evg — The driver who took our Parents & Edmund to join the steamboat at Newport returned about noon and reported them comfortably onboard the boat between one & two after a pleasant ride & dining at Newport —

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4th day 15th Engaged most of the day with my wharf business at the wharf & Island &c. Called to see mother, who is very comfortable, very much relieved from the severe attack of yesterday. Aunt Mary watches with her to night — we had intelligence of the safe arrival of our parents &c at their home in New York yesterday at ½ past 9 A.M. —

5th day 16th. Occupied with my wharf & farming business, called at fathers twice to enquire after mother — was much better & set up a considerable part of the day Ev. at home

6th day 17th. Considerably occupied about home with improvements in the Garret in process of execution by Carpenters in the Garret — & repair of external pump — otherwise at wharf & Co. room — Ev. at home — Ma Christ at Cousin Anna Rotchs to tea &c

7th Day: principally engaged in my wharf & Co. house business — had 2 men to work P.M. preparing barn cellar for vegetables, called at Andrews to see Jon. Robeson — who with Andw. & Frederick took tea with us, as did also Susan Barney

1st day 19th — Attended meeting A.M. at the Lyceum P.M. at our own Mtg. Called at fathers whom I accompanied from Mtg. &c and gave my support to his feeble frame — Mother continues to improve, though very feeble — Ev. at home Mr. Paine spent

most of it with us –
2d. day Spent the day in attending to my wharf & Cg. House business. E'g. at Mrs. Dr. Reads Party given in compliment to the bride of her bro. Wm. J. Harris – the daughter of Judge Morton of Taunton – which was large and pleasant without dancing. Dr. R. accompanied his Dr. on the Piano with effect such as deterred (probably) any of the numerous young ladies from putting their musical powers into action to aid in the entertainment
3d. day 21st Engaged most of the forenoon at home attending to the removal of Chips &c made by the Carpenters in ~~removing~~ making ~~some~~ alteration in the 3d. story & Garret. P.M. occupied in arrangements for & putting up one of Stanleys Cooking Stoves in the cellar which promises to be very economical of fuel and easy of management – E'g. at C. W. Morgans where I took tea with ma Chas. ~~H~~
4th day 22d. Engaged most of the forenoon about home in completing the arrangements for the new mode of Cooking – which will probably be satisfactory – P.M. at the wharf & Cg. House; E'g. at home
5th. day 23d. Variously occupied at home & at the whf. & Cg. house E'g. at home call at Wm. Logans for little Maria
6th day 24th. Spent the day principally at the Cg. house & wharf, E'g. at home. Little Frank somewhat unwell with a cold & sore throat which detained him from school

7th day 25th. Occupied about home and in attend. mechan to shops for the winter clothing of our boys &c. P.M. at the C. house &c. Eve. at home. Carpenters finished the alterations in the 3d story so far as to be in readiness for the Mason
1st day 26th. Attended Meeting forenoon & afternoon, and spent the rest of the day at home except a short call at I Robersons Eve. at home weather Stormy
2d day 27th. Spent the day Principally at home making some further arrangements for the winter. put up a stove in the upper kitchen to warm it for an eat. room Eve. at home
3d day 28. Engaged a considerable part of the morning in superintending the alteration of the cook. stove so as to use coal again had the Mason to stop the throat of the chimney more completely. and it quite remedied the difficulties which had before embarrassed its advantages — the nut size now burns with sufficient brilliancy & effect — P.M. mostly at the Whf &c. Eve. at home
4th day 29 — Occupied considerably at home with measures for lay. a floor on the lower story of the woodhouse, remaining to my business at Whf & Island — Masons finished 1st coat of plast. on new work in 3d story Eve. at home, Mr Mack & Miss Dorr Strange

tea with us, I was called out by Cousin J. Arnold to consult with reference to an essay of a Report for the Port Soc'y, on my return found M. M & Miss Dorr gone & bro. Wm & Benj. here, afterward ~~they~~ called at Andw Robesons, to see & invite J. Rob- to visit us —

5th day 30th Attended to my business at the house woodhouse & wharf through the day except a couple of hours A.M. spent with ma chere tt in visiting Jno A. Parkers new and splendid mansion and ~~to~~ the Academy Library, eve. at home except calls at Mr Mudges to request a young woman who has offered her services as cook to call and see ma chere tt —

6th day 31. visited the House of Correction A.M. and devoted the rest of the day principally to my whf & other business see ~~to~~ see Aunt Mary — and passed the eve. at a meeting of the Executive Board of the Port Society for the moral improvement of Seamen

7th day 11 mo 1 — Geo. Howlands fine new Live Oak & Copper Ship was launched this Mg. I attempted to get the Children down to see it but they could not be got down in time — they had however a fine walk. devoted the day to my whf. and C. H. house business, eve. at home after being rather late at the C. H. house, — Our niece E. Rodman drank tea with us and her father came in the eve — Edw. visited his cousin Rodman Morgan

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1st day 2d. Attended Meetings, and called at Uncle William's & at A Robeson's. Evg at home — Phebe Dunham left us yesterday & ma Chase A having engaged or obtained another woman to supply her place who came the day before

2d day 3d. Attended to my wharf business & the Carpenters in the wood house (laying ground floor &c) & to Count g house duties &c. Had Jon.a Robeson to dine with us and the others of And.ws family at tea or in the evg. except Thos — took J. over the river to see my operations at the Isle of Marsh and to my wharf &c after dinner

3d day 4th Occupied in the morning with my business at the wharf partly relating to the tenement lately occupied by Peleg my workman who has taken abrupt leave — afterwards at home till near noon overseeing the concluding items of the Carpenters jobs in the wood house Cellar &c. The substitution of coal for wood in all our fire rooms except the nursery requiring a much less space for its accommodation will leave I think one half of the space of the lower story now floored over for other uses — P.M. gave some attention to the proposed an.l m.g of the Port Society & to C.g house duties &c Evg. at the 2d Annual Meeting which large and interesting, showing an increased zeal or interest by our Citizens for the benevolent objects of the Society —

4th day 5th: Attended to my C. House & whf business A.M. — P.M. occupied at home — the weather being unfavorable for working abroad — in directing some operations by several of my whf. men at home — Eve. at Robesons when I & mach[ine?] H & the two elder children took tea

5th day 6th Occupied a considerable portion of the day at home superintending the work of the Carpenters & others clearing the Garret &c — Eve. at home

6th day 7th. Attended to my whf & C. house business before breakfast, and devoted the remainder of the day to the operations of Carpenters & Masons in sundry jobs for rendering our domestic convenience & comfort more complete — Eve also at home — Masons opened the wall next of the furnace for a window to admit light and plastered the new Closet in that place. — Little Chs. has a bad cold, and his habit or infirmity which subjects him to sleeping in damp bedding may be presumed to be a sufficient cause for his indisposition

7th day 8th Devoted the day principally to the operations of Carpenters & Masons about the house, principally in the cellar kitchen which we propose to use through the winter which we have not been accustomed to do — little Caroline Fleming visited our Mary this afternoon & also our niece Ellen — bro. Wm called in the eve. to attend the lott[ery?] home

1st day 9th — Attended meeting A.M. at the Lyceum P.M. at our own Mg house — Waited upon father home from meeting whose feeble limbs now require some extraneous support, Mother pretty well but not able to get out much — Little Ch— has had a bad cold & tendency to Croup for two days — & so much worse this evg. that Dr Reed was called in, who administered promptly to make him vomit, in which he at last succeeded with considerable relief, at least temporarily — Sister Sarah & her two eldest children called between Mg.

2d day 10th. Occupied much of the morning about home having some regard to the concluding job work of mason & carpenter — they have now completed their jobs except hanging doors, putting up closet drawers and a few small items. Attended at the election polls to put in my vote for Gov. & Senate & P.M. to vote for representatives to the State Legislature afternoon gave some time to C. J. house duties — But the illness of our little Charles has engaged much of my attention, his severe attack of Croup continuing with much severity — he was bled by Dr Reed in the hand this evg. as the symptoms seemed then aggravated; the remedy seemed to be seasonable and the effect likely to be beneficial — evg. at home.

3d day 11th Engaged most of the day at home assisting to attend upon & nurse little Charles whose complaint is yet severe, the warm bath was applied to day with some apparent benefit, the symptoms of croup having been since mitigated but the excessive irritation arising as Dr R. supposes from the large quty of medicines which he has taken having been as yet inoperative, other means have since been used & are to be repeated to promote the effect I shall sit up with ma chen ?? the fore part of the night, as two will be needed for that time if not longer — His uneasiness is great & almost too unremitted to allow him any repose, throwing himself about the bed with little cessation. Dr Read has been here 3 or 4 times to day —

4th day 12th. Spent the day principally at home nursing little Charles he had a very disturbed night and he is more unwell to day the symptoms of Croup having again returned — pd a little attention to my wholst C. house business. —

5th day 13th Our Dear little Charles had a very poor night; and to day he has been in great extremity so that we did not expect that he would live through the day his breath being so laborious as to threaten suffocation. Indeed there seems no hope that he will be alive tomorrow. We have had many calls from among our relatives & friends

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~~have called on~~ to give their services & & sympathy

6th day 14th. Sisters Anna & Sarah my Aunt Mary and Mary Earl, with myself was up with little Charles last night, his suffering was intense & unremitted frequently so great from difficulty of breathing that his attendants thought that suffocation must soon end them with his life. But he obtained some relief towards morning and about 8 O clk was tolerably comfortable, his breathing occasioning but little distress. This unexpected change (for the distress occasioned by the Seneka root ~~the day~~ yesterday afternoon was so great ~~that~~ and the benefit from further medical efforts so hopeless that no medicines had been given him for the 16 hours preceding) induced the hope that his life might yet be saved and Drs Spooner & Whittredge were called in consultation — when a blister was applied to his back bordering ~~on~~ & covering that part of his neck & as a nauseating medicine to aid & promote expectoration Ipecacuanha was substituted for the hive syrup & Seneka Root — The effect of this seemed to be apparent in the afternoon in giving him great relief in breathing so that he had a comparatively comfortable eveg. and ~~tonight~~ we are encouraged to hope that he may have a pretty comfortable night Sisters Anna & Rebecca with myself being his attendants

7th day 15th. Our sweet little Charles who engages almost all of our attention passed a tolerable night having breathed with but little

difficulty and rested better than heretofore — we were therefore much encouraged in the morning. although for the last hour his breathing had become somewhat laborious. and I wrote to New York to inform our Parents &c of the brightened prospect — but later in the forenoon the difficulty of breathing had considerably increased so as to become somewhat sonorous and my hopes flagged exceedingly, as it then appeared that the change instead of being ascribable to the Crisis of the disorder was only the temporary effect of the blister &c — It was however thought advisable by Dr. Read that another blister should be applied to his Chest, and one was applied accordingly about 4½ in. square (drawing surface) extending from the Collar bones so as to cover nearly the whole of the Chest. about 2 o'clk. and again the effect was indicated by the increased facility of breathing — leading us to hope for at least a short intermission of his sufferings and perhaps by gaining time to allow the disease to reach its crisis without a fatal termination. Sisters Sarah & Susan with myself being his attendants to night.

1st day 16th. Little Charles had not so good a night as I had hoped for him, having been very restless though his breathing was pretty free. he was considerably disturbed by the action of the bowels & his strength with the vigor of his pulsations which have been hitherto remarkable have flagged considerably, still as his respiration was pretty easy I could but hope that ~~I could but hope that~~ by

taking barley water & other drinks a little nourishing (which he has not taken much hitherto probably from the disgust occasioned by the necessity of his being almost constantly under the influence of Hive Syrup or other nauseating medicines) his strength might be restored sufficiently to withstand the further action of the disease which Dr. Read thinks now partakes of the character of Lung Fever, which if of equal date with the ~~oth~~ ~~disease~~ Croup must ~~have~~ now, in ordinary course, have about reached its crisis. — Of these liquids including sweetened & liquorice water he has taken somewhat freely, as well as this evg. of wine whey and from the effects of some or all, he has now more vigor as shown by his moving himself about in his restlessness than during the day — Aunt Mary and Eliza Drinker with myself watch over him tonight

2 day 17th. Little Chs. continued through the night to take w. whey barley & liquorice water at intervals through the night also composing powders — but he had but little quiet sleep and was considerably restless. his breathing however was easy and his faculties clear except for the last hour before sunrise when & was quite lost for some time and a little disturbed in his imagination for an hour or two — Ascribing this last symptom to the laudanum & anodyne powders which he had taken I thought the night would compare favorably with the preceding, and after assisting to

dress his blisters & change his clothes I laid
him on another bed and retired to sleep - hopg.
that he also wd. enjoy much needed repose
I arose about 4 hours after and found that he
had so rested but that he was then wakeful
and unquiet. And he continued so without
much change through the rem. of the day &
eveg. My Sister Amey & Cousin Sarah V. Arnold
with myself are his attendants tonight
3d. day 18th. In the eveg. of yesterday little Charles
restlessness continued and his pulsations became more
feeble, indeed those of the right wrist had become
almost imperceptible, that hand having been quite
cool since the middle of the day as it had been
at intervals before. It was also apparent from
a change of countenance & fixedness of the eyes
that he was loosing all consciousness of what was
passing about and had ceased to heed the en-
quiry as to his wants which he had been wont to answer
so intelligently & with his own peculiar & uncommonly
interesting manner among the last indications of
intelligence were his calling to his mother about
7 O'Clk saying in his feeble whisper "mother come"
& putting his little arms & drawg her face to his, and
repeating after her & at her request that endearing ap-
pellation. he however continued to take his stimu-
lating drink (wine whey) and anodyne powders as
offered though with evident distress, as for the last 24 hours
in the action of swallowing occasioned by the pressure on
the inflamed and abraded trachea, indicated by a sound
similar to that of an ineffectual attempt to vomit, to which
effort it was by his attendants till undeceived by Dr. Rea

more skilful observation, ascribed). I think he took his last anodyne powder about 11 O'clk and his whey, which had been given him regularly at intervals of ½ an hour, a few times after but as the signs of approaching dissolution continued to increase, it seemed no longer desirable to attempt to rouse him to the imperfect consciousness requisite for the effort of receiving his medicines. & he was allowed to remain as quiet as his enfeebled and dissolving frame would permit. Soon after 12 his respiration was marked by a rattling in the trachea of loosened phlegm which he was unable longer to dislodge: and this continued to increase till 3 O'clk so as to make ~~respiration~~ the act of breathing almost too laborious for his remaining strength so that it was for short intervals suspended & then resumed by the utmost exertion of the respiratory muscles accompanied a slight corresponding motion of the shoulders & arms. thus it continued, growing shorter & shorter & with longer intervals of suspension till he breathed his last at twenty minutes after 3 O'clk. — The night was windy with threatening of a rainstorm from the S.E. all of the Adults of the family were up or awake — His mother & Aunt Phebe took their final leave of him about 12. O'clk, their ardent affection not permitting them to be any longer witnesses of the last efforts of his expiring nature which no human aid could mitigate or relieve — The painful anxiety of the night was increased by an alarming turn of Croup, with which Thomas had been threatened for two or three nights pre-

vions, which ~~were~~ came on about 9 O'Clk last evg
— Dr. R. was promptly called & promptly administered an active emetic which with other applications of warm water & mustard Poultices to his feet gave him present relief. but the most watchful attention was necessarily continued through the night to guard him exposure to the cold and to administer every hour expectorant or emetic doses of Hive Syrup according to the more or less urgent symptoms of a return of this now doubly dreaded disease — This attention was bestowed by his mother & aunt principally with assistance from sister Anna & others as their leisure from other duties permitted.
The night was marked too by ~~another~~ event of great public interest & anxiety; about 5 O.Clk or little later sparks of fire were seen, from a house only a few feet distant from James Waby's shop on Water Street, to issue from the chimney of the latter and a few minutes after the whole interior of the building was in a blaze — Most providentially a copious shower of rain had fallen or the furious wind from the S.E. which prevailed would in spite of the most judicious & energetic exertions of our fire companies the fire would have swept its desolating course from the point of beginning to the western most verge of the town, as it was with all the advantages of the rain & the proximity to the river & flowing tide & the spirited exertions of our citizens & well appointed engine companies it was with the utmost difficulty that it was restrained between Shepherds & the house East of it, on Water St. on the So—

and T. Coles & Rich.d Johnson's on the Same St. on the North & First St. on the west, destroying ten or twelve buildings including 2 torn down on the E. side of First street, to stay its ravages were destroyed most of them large and all on the West of W. St. dwelling houses, one of them occupied by a large number of poor families, who could do but little more than escape from the fury of the flames with their lives — The wind carrying the burning shingles &c beyond the western verge of the town —

On rising after sleeping a few hours I repaired to the scene of our darling's exit and found the last offices had been performed, which presented his dear remains in a most beautiful and interesting state, such exquisite whiteness I never saw equaled & had no conception that it could be exhibited in death. Could that snow white color, and beauty of form head lineaments and hand, have been transferred to the enduring marble it could not fail to be an object of interest to those even, in whose memory affection had not embalmed the sweet spirit which had animated the original and given to it in health its unusual & radiant beauty.

Thus has terminated the life of our little Charles whose birth was noticed in this diary on the 5th of 8th Mo. 1831. his constitution was good an his health generally excellent. with much strength and activity which it required great attention and care to restrain within salutary limits he combined buoyant spirits and a smart

sweet disposition and uncommonly engaging manners — the language which he used had a peculiarity of phrase and construction which was at once elegant & set off by his clear & sweet enunciation (though his voice has been somewhat hoarse since his attack of whooping cough) highly pleasing & ingratiating, within the last few months, previous to which he had been rather backward in talking. he used the pronouns I, my, me, correctly almost from the first of his forming sentences which I have remarked in no other of our Children and rarely used the words yes & no. — when asked if he would like to have such a thing he would answer "I will", or if Charles did so & so he would answer "I did". — His great activity made him run into mischief & to guard the danger to himself as well as inconvenience to others consequent on this trait it was necessary to confine him rather more to the nursery than we should otherwise have done, though so much a favorite was he with all the household as well as with his Parents that no more restraint than seemed indispensable was imposed. Nothing delighted him more than to ride. & "Father take me to ride" was often the first salutation with which he greeted me — I had during the summer much occasion to ride in an open wagon about my business & I always took him with me when I could do it with convenience & the weather was favorable, he had also many rides to & from

Smith's mills whither I sent weekly to have
Corn ground for my Oxen & horses. With his
Aunt Phebe he was always a great darling -
and though her affection for all of our other
Children has all the intensity of a mothers he
so entwined himself around her heart that he
was to her an object of unrivalled fondness —
and she now feels the bitterness of grief with cor-
responding energy — Indeed the dear little
fellow had many friends so bright so engag-
ing was he that all who knew him were
delighted with him. and during his long
& painful illness so winning were his ways
that every thing which could be done by our
sisters & Aunt Mary & others who were much
or occasionally here was done with an alacrity
and devotedness which showed in all. a mater-
nal tenderness & sympathy — For these
multiplied instances of kindness to us and
to our sweet little boy may we never cease
to be grateful, and may not these living
& unequivocal proofs of friendship ~~never~~
be obscured by any intervening shades which
a sensitive mind may sometimes conjure up
from slight grounds or equivocal omissions
— when no occasion exists to call out specially
those deep and strong ~~[struck]~~ characters of kindness &
which we have now ~~been seen~~ abundantly visible ~~ab...~~
— We had the company different individuals
of our family circle through the day ~~at...~~
~~Mr Tallman & Job Eddy to enquire~~
~~if their attentions & services would be accept...~~

~~able in relation to the interment~~ Thomas has been confined to his bed to day & hive Syrup has been occasionally administered together with other medicines in the hope that another attack of Croup might be averted — but towards night the terrific Symptoms somewhat returned and about 9 O'clk they had become so severe that Dr. Read was sent for who bled him and made a stimulating application to his throat, which with the emetic action of Hive Syrup gave him relief. My wifes former childs nurse Keziah will attend him through the night.

4th day (19 — This day has been varied by the kind attentions of some of our sisters and calls from others of our friends — among the latter were Job Eddy & Wm. Tallman who called at the Comtee of the preparative Mg. to oversee funerals to see if their services would be acceptable on the approaching occasion — I told them I should be glad of their care & oversight — Ma Chere H. has been troubled with erysipelas in her face & hands, but particularly in the latter since our dear Charles was taken sick, induced as I suppose by her exertions anxiety & exposure on his account — it has interfered much with the active services which she would have rendered though disabled as she has been she has devoted all her ability & sometimes to her decided injury in his behalf. It now almost makes her sick, or this together with the exhaustion and the rack to which her maternal feelings by the recent event have been put, have made her so — Mary Earl attends Thomas to night

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5th day 20th Our Thomas escaped last night a return of symptoms of Croup except in a very slight degree, so that we hope the threatening may now be past if proper care is continued. Ma Chere H. suffers more with her hand than heretofore so that this with the consequences of grief abstinence & loss of sleep - have quite exhausted her and she has been a-bed most of the day. - a new application however which Dr. Read has to day presented seems likely to relieve her local complaint and I hope she may soon be able by participating in the cares & duties incident to numerous wants of our other children, which will tend to restore her mind to composure and heal the wound which now agonizes her. Agreeably to previous arrangements Our friends began to collect at about 2½ O.Clk P.M. - In the front parlor were most of our relatives and a few others including Susan Howland & her husband in the back parlor & library were those not particularly allied to us - after a period of silence S.H. spoke in a very feeling and appropriate manner in reference to the occasion, and afterward kneeled in supplication all of which was very acceptable and satisfactory to me, I regretted that my dear Hannah could not also have heard it and shared with Sister P & me the consolatory words

which were spoken and reflections sug-
gested — about 3 3/4 O'clk. the dear remains
of a being, but lately all health joy and
happiness, in its narrow house were removed
from the Parlor Chamber to the vehicle
provided to transport it to its final resting
place in the family inclosure of my
late Grandfather Rotch. My sister & self
with the two elder Children followed &
then others of our relations & friends. till we
saw it deposited in the spot now sacred to
the memy. of our departed Charles. — My dear
Mother whose infirm health has not permitted
her to be with us before remained with Ma-
chin H. while we were absent — the fam-
ilies of our parts. bro.s & sisters returned home
with us and remained to tea & till early
in the evg. — when most of them left, us
sisters Anna & Sarah & remaining till
a later period when they too took their
leave as Mary Earl who was with us during
the afternoon had previously done. and
we were left to extend to our little ones the
attention which they generally required and
to improve under the reflections which our
bereavement was ought to inspire. May
the affliction be improved to the eternal benefit
of us and our Children, may it tear from our
erring sight the illusions which divert our
attention from that enduring riches & righteous-
ness which passeth not away. and detach
us from those objects of time & sense which

perish in the using, and which can only impart the satisfaction for which they are adapted and designed as they are held in subordination to the endurring interests of the soul which shed over this life its purest, brightest lustre, ~~but~~ which illumine with unfading glories the life beyond the tomb.

6th day 21st. Remained at home through the day principally occupied in writing up the preceding diary which during the few past anxious days had been neglected, my own health forming one inducement for not going out about my ordinary business (which has been left of late entirely to my workmen) having taken cold by exposure to the sudden change of weather on 7th day last from which I am yet scarcely recovered.

7th day 22 I had this morning another summons to attend court as a witness in the case J. H. Howland & al vs T. T. Dyre & al., I had been summoned on 4th day MJ. but was then unable to attend on account of my cold - I therefore spent the principal part of the forenoon at the Court house till liberated about noon. the point on which I was questioned was as to the effect of the custom of merchants in this place of settling their accots. Current at the close of each year by statements of interest showing the balance as due at that time as to the R&M thus acquired to claim

the balance thus derived without reference to the unexpired Credits given on particular transactions. — The result of the enquiry was that until the parties had by mutual agreement adopted the result of the general Statement as superceding the particular agreements of which the acct. were composed no claim was created for the liquidation of the balance at the end of the year. [Supreme Court ~~pa~~ Chief Justice Shaw presiding] I afterward gave attention to my business at the ~~C&~~ Bamf Whf & Co. house till some time after dark — when I repaired & remained at home through the rem: of the evg — We have had daily calls from different members of our famy. Circle expressive of their sympathy. Our little Frank who has been for several days suffering under a severe cold in his head — has to day alarming symptoms of Croup which not yielding to the action of Hyve Syrup as usual Dr. Read was called to him early this morning who administered an emetic which gave him some relief, to be followed up with other medicine & Hive Syrup — One of our domestics, Sophia Steinbach a German who has been in the family nearly a year & has recently acted as Cook. Seems to have been singularly affected by the recent troubles into which we have been plunged — during little Charles' sickness she showed

much concern, and anxiety by her own exertions supply the vacancy lately caused by the dismission of the woman who had for a short time filled the station to which Sophia, has succeeded, and up to the time of little C's death with very good success. But since that event there has been a striking change in her management and general deportment with decided indications of aberration of mind also in her conversation. So that it is necessary that she should be removed from the family to one of smaller numbers where she may be likely more speedily to be diverted from the present train of thought and restored to the empire of reason

1st day 23 Little Frank is still very unwell, with symptoms of croup and much fever so that Dr. Read bled him by opening a vein in his hand — his respiration is not much affected but his cough is very hoarse & sonorous though not very frequent. Sent Sophia to an acquaintance of hers in town hoping that quietude may compose & settle her mind though the marks of insanity are to day quite unequivocal. Little Frank continues without any decided improvement so that we feel considerable anxiety on his account

2d day 24th. Our Little Frank is gen- without decided improvement, a blister- ing plaister applied to the back of his neck. Occupied still at home and in relation to Sophia, her insanity being such that she cannot remain ~~where~~ in Mr Tidman's family — took Dr Reed to bleed her &c but as she would not consent it was omitted and I obtained an order for her admission to the Alms House whither I sent her early in the afternoon, de- voted the remr. of the day to making the necessary preparation on my part for the adjourned meeting of the Trustees of Friends Academy to- morrow, Thos. A Greene called on the business this eveg — I sit up with little Frank tonight, having previous- ly watched over him in his bed at the side of mine

3d. day 25th. Little Frank had rather a poor night he however slept better towards morning. the ~~nauseating~~ medi- cines which he took through the night being perhaps the cause of his restless- ness — he has slept much and deeply to day with some abatement of fever and this eveg he appears to be consider- ably better. Attended a meeting of the trustees of the Academy at my Un- cle Williams Office (in his new house) which took up the forenoon — The

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afternoon was also principally devoted by me to the business of that Institution, even'g. at home — Dr. Greene Physician of the Almshouse Called to report concerning Sophia. — She was so much excited yesterday that he could not bleed her without resorting to force but to day by practicing a little artifice in accordance with the prevailing bias of her fancy he succeeded without difficulty, he found her much more calm than yesterday and well pleased with her situation where she said she would stay till Christmas — This is a very pleasant circumstance and I hope that before the time specified she may be fit to be left to her own decision After a few hours sleep this even'g I expect to sit up with little Frs again to night.

4th day 26 Spent the day principally in relation to my Ct. house & whf business little Frank seems so much better that I think the necessary care can be taken of him without any one sitting up with him — rode a short distance in the country towards eve — afternoon at home —

5th day 27 — Spent the day in attention to my Wharf & Ct house business even'g. at home — Cousins Eliz.a & Emily took tea with Mary — Ed. at his uncle Morgan

6th day 28th. Devoted the day & evg to my C. house & whf business, preparing for a settlement with my workmen
7th day 29 Occupied as yesterday
1st day 30th. Attended Mg. Attendance devoted the rem. of the day to considerations connected with & observations of the great eclipse of the Sun which occurred this day — Jno Bailey Wm C Taber & Jos. Congdon assisting in noting the time by Chronometers and getting altitudes & — Made ineffectual attempts to determine time by altitudes of the stars this evg — not being sufficiently dexterous in the use of the Circle — Brother, mother & sister Eliza took tea with us — Bro. Benj. called in the evg. as did several of our other friends in the day father mother sister E & Lydia Greene together with our family observed the celestial phenomenon through the telescope the weather was very favorable and the observation satisfactory
2d day 12 mo 1 — Spent the day in attention principally to my C. house business evg at home — little Frank is better Bro. Wms daughter Ellen with her cousin Mary M. Frase —
3d day 2d — Occupied at the C house &c through the day evg at home — Mr. Marsh called late in the evg.

4th day 3 — Engaged at the C.J. house so during most of the day. W.J. at home — Edmund is unwell with a return of his bilious attack, attended with fever & a soreness of the throat, so as to be on the bed most of the day. Dr Reed called to see & administer to him this evening — little Frank continues to mend but his blister is yet quite sore & troublesome

5th day 4th Occupied at the C.J. House so through the day. did not attend the Quarterly Meeting though I had some inclination to do so. It has not been often however that I have found these occasions most favorable for improvement either by the communications offered or by the opportunity presented for self reflection and comparison with the high exemplar of Christian attainment with which the world has been blessed. Sister Sarah & her daughter Emily drank tea with us and two Chs. & my nephew Saml. called in the eve. —

6th day 5th Engaged at the C.J. house most of the day, W.J. at home. Edmund continues quite unwell and can yet hardly be said to be convalescent, the pain and nausea continuing though less severe, he is yet confined to his bed

7th day 6th Occupied nearly the whole day at home attending & assisting in some operations of a mechanical nature, W.J. partly

thus occupied. Called at A Robesons & bro. Ben; in the early part of the even. Sister Anna has been for some days confined with an inflamation in her hand — but it is now getting better

1st day 7th Attended meetings and spent the remr. of the day at home — Jer. Winslow Thos. Rotch, Wm R Rodman Sister R & daughter Ellen & bro. Ben. called — the latter in reference to Sophia who is yet at the Alms House in a state of insanity.

2d. day 8th Occupied through the day with C.J. house duties eve. at home — little Frank seems more unwell this eve. with symptoms of a return of the Croup —

3d. day 9th Spent most of the day at the C.J. house, called at fathers and sister Anna's sister A. is quite troubled with an inflamation of the hand, proceeding from a very slight scratch about the time of our dear little Charles's death — she however thinks it is now getting better — Our little Frank had a very sick night and has been quite ill all day — the symptoms of Croup are however considerably abated so that we hope he may have a pretty good night & be better to-morrow

4th. day 10th. Spent the day principally at the C.J. house &c. eve. at home & in [illegible] relative to the means of warming at night another lodging room for our invalid Children — and in examination and measures to remedy a derangement in our domestic water works

5th day 11 — Spent the day in attention to ascertain & repair defects in our water works &c — w/ at a mtg. of the N.B. Port Socy. for the moral Imp't of Seamen
6th day 12 Devoted to the unfinished business of yesterday at home. except a short time at the C. house &c to close it for the night — having been there but to open & warm in the forenoon —
7th day 13 Spent the day principally at the C. house & made a trip to the I.H.d on acct of the accident which befel my loaded Scow last night, she being found sunk this mg. in shallow water & made an ineffectual attempt to free her at low water but did not succeed — left at home —
1st day 14 — Attended meetings. the weather being stormy & cold and most of the family more or less of invalids I was the only one out — passed the remainder of the day at home with my wife sister & children & in read'g — together with precautionary measures to fortify against the change in the weather — the temp. at sunrise being 35° and at 10 o'clk zero —
2d day 15th. Attended at the Bank — and C. house A.M., P.M. at the Jail &c. at home — the day very cold so that most business in the open air was suspended

3d day 16th Engaged through the day about home or in making arrangements & superintending the depositing in the wood house of my present supply of coal — having recd to day in addition to 6½ Tons previously got in 15 Tons from Philadelphia — Gave some attention to my wharf business preparatory to its suspension — succeeded however in getting a load of stones from the Island, & this evening principally at home. — Called at C.H. Morgans & walked to the wharf

4th day 17th Engaged most of the day in attending to my workmen, and in planning some improvements in the wood house — found it necessary to enlarge again my accommodations for coal, having now about 22 Tons which occupies the whole of the N.W quarter — gave some attention to my home duties — evening at home — little Ellen seems quite unwell & feverish called Dr Read to see her. Called also at the Mariners Church to see the effects of the incendiary attempt on 2d day evening to fire the building — It was discovered soon after the fire was communicated and before the news papers Pamphlets & books to which fire was put in 3 different places in the N.W room of the Basement were wholly burned — A town meeting was called last evening and measures adopted to endeavor to discover & apprehend the incendiary

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5th day 18th. Occupied through the day in directing about some jobs of Carpenters work &c at wharf stable & store house painters at store &c in the evg. put up a larger size No. 3 stove in place of a smaller one returned. Little Ellen was quite ill through the night and continues so - with an affection of the bowels, a prevalent form at present among young Children of the prevailing epidemic &c

6th day 19th. Our little Ellen had a sick night and has suffered considerably to day from the tendency to inflamation of the part affected - topical bleeding by leaches appears with other prescriptions of Dr. Read who has made her many visits to day, to have mitigated the symptoms in some degree & and we hope of further improvement tomorrow. I have been principally engaged with my whf. business - evg. at home

7th day 20th. Occupied most of the day at the Cy. house &c - at home - Our little Ellen has had a comparatively quiet night & day. which indicates a mitigation of the local disease & tendency to inflamation - Dr. Read has called several times to day - our niece Eliz. here at tea & her father to attend her home in the evg.

1st day 21 - Attended Meeting A.M. and remained at home P.M. with the chil-

Even as Ma chen H & sister were confined to the Nursery with little Ellen — who continues quite ill, her disease is thought by Dr Read, who has been here 3 times to day, to be bilious fever there are some indications of a mitigation of the symptoms, which we hope may be more unequivocally the case in a short time; — as from the incipient stage of the complaint to the present time is nearly ten days. — Several of our friends called to day — Ma chen H. & sister with other inmates of the family have hitherto been her only attendants & will be again to night —

2d day 22d — Devoted the day to my wharf & Of home business ex. at home — little Ellen seems to be much better

3. day 23d — Gave my business hours principally to my wharf concerns & Of home duties ex. at home read. newspapers omitted in course — little Frank had another attack of Croup this morning — little Ellen still improves but coughs considerably —

4th day 24th Went to my wharf as usual before breakfast, and after visited the grave of our dear little Charles to see that the stone to mark the spot was properly placed, visited also the grave of our first little Mary. Went also to the Island where I am about suspending business for the season, also to my different grain lots. — Pd at home and at the G. House — Exc. at home — Edw. is quite unwell again to day; little Ellen seems also more

unwell than yesterday, having a return of the unpleasant indications of her late disease, attended with much pain during most of the afternoon. She has however been more quiet this evg. and I hope she will continue so through the night. her mother sits up to-night, as she & her aunt have done more or less every night since her illness became serious —
5th day 25th. Spent the day principally in attending to my C.H. house duties evg. at home — Our invalid Children rather better except Ell. whose cold is severe. Called at fathers
6th day 26 — occupied with C.H. house duties through the day evg. at home, our Children rather improving — little Frank has had threatenings of returning Croup for several nights — Dr R. prescribed a plaister of Whites Salve for his Chest which is applied this evg. —
7th day 27th Occupied at the C.H. house during the business hours of the day. evg. at home in relation to the Wills of Isaac & Eliz. Stackhouse till the latter part when I called at their house, some obstacles having presented to the fulfillment of their intentions as represented to me by the former, the subject was postponed for future action —
1st day 28th. Attended Meetings, called at fathers and spent the rest of the day and all of the evg. at home, sister Phebe with Mary & Mo. were at the Episcopal mg. this afternoon for the first time for many weeks as it relates to the

former — Our little children all appear better, encouraging us to hope that they may soon be restored again to their usual health this is the first day that the Dr. visits have been intermitted Since first Called to our dear little departed Charles.

2d day 29th devoted this day to Counting house business or to writing having reference to claims for contributions towards the fulfilment of the promises of another which I am neither able nor morally bound to make ~~fulfil~~ —. Evg. at home — Dr Reed Called after an absence of 3 ds. on a visit to Boston to see after his little patients, who have continued to improve though gradually during ~~the~~ time —

3 day 30th. Engaged through the day at the C. house. which however I did not repair till rather late in the Mg. the walking being laborious from the quantity of Snow which had fallen and disagreeable from the Continuance of the Storm. I did not go out before breakfast as usual — Evg. at home — little Ellen had a poor night and not quite so bright this forenoon but has since Seemed better — the appearance of two more teeth induces the belief that her recent illness has been partly induced by the irritation of the gums — Dr Reed called to see her. Edwd. went out to School this afternoon & thankful comes down again to his meals —

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4th day 31st. I have spent the day in attention to Counting house duties. Meet devoted to preparing to gratify the expectations of our little Children of New Years Gifts tomorrow. But this pleasure is denied us with regard to one who on a similar occasion last year was the most joyous of the tribe – our sweet little Charles is beyond the influence of the warm affection with which his memory is cherished. But if we are deprived of the pleasure of ministering to his happiness we have the consolation of knowing that he needs not our humble agency to heighten it. May we strive to be prepared to join him when we too shall leave this scene of vicissitude and with him participate in the unfading joys of heaven.

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1 mo. 1 – 5th of the week. Another year has dawned upon us. With instinctive bias we hail it with joy and receive & reciprocate good wishes for happiness with our friends. But our experience reminds us that we know not with what of trouble the bright anticipations of the present may be darkened before its close. It is not however the part of philosophy or religion to dissipate the bright promises with which hope is prone to gild the future. but let recollections of the past be borne in our memory not to invest the scene with gloom but to char-

ten & discipline its erring nature that its better principles may have the predominance and illumine with serene & hallowed light the untrodden portion of our pilgrimage to its blissful termination — Our little folkes have been very happy & the adults of the family have shared their enjoyment in the mutual exchange of good wishes & tokens of affectionate interest. — these have come & gone in various directions throughout our family connection — I called to see our parents in their new location this evg — they having left yesterday their own domicil and taken up their residence for the winter at least in my brother Benjn's family. Ed^d & Mary went with their Aunt Morgan to the "Ladies fair" held to day for the benefit of the children attending the Sunday school of the "1st Christian Society" — our Cousin Sarah Macy who has renounced the tenets of her parents & become a member having the principal or a prominent part in the arrangements. it is held at the Mechanics Hall, and is said to have been thus far very fully patronized or attended — I have passed the day in attention to C.J. house duties which now that I have retired from my wharf operations to give to them will give me full employment till the opening Spring shall enable me to resume the former our little Lue continues to improve & Frank comes below stairs.

6th day 2d Devoted the day to C.J. Insurance duties; W.J. at home — took little Sue & Anna with me to the store after dinner for a short sleigh ride
7th day 3d The C.J. house & its duties have given me full occupation to day. W.J. at home — Benjn Rotch who is now spending the College vacation at home called
1st day 4th Attended meeting A M at my usual place of worship and in the afternoon at the Alms house whither I went to see our poor Sophia who yet labors under mental derangement and took some of her German friends in the hope that we should find her sufficiently recovered to make it proper to bring her to town again but this hope was not realized though she is better than some weeks since.
Bro. Benjn & sister Susan called this afternoon & I made a short call at William's W.J. at home, reading a memoir of my friend Esther Seamore who died suddenly in the 5th mo last after having been married about a year to Dr Cock of New York — Her latter years were characterized by an ardent & devoted piety as was her life by religious decision of mind, sweetness of manners and active benevolence — her reward is sure
2d day 5th Attended the mtg. of Bank directors and spent the remr of the day at the C.J. house W.J. at home — our nephew Rodman Morgan visited our children as tea de

3d day 6. The weather being a Snow Storm I remained at home through the day & was occupied with my papers & documents on file
4th day of 7th Spent the day in the performance of C.J. house business, was at home
5th day 8th. Engaged in C.J. house duties during the business hours of the day was at home
6th day 9th C.J. house business has occupied me also to day except the time occupied in taking a short ride with sister Phebe with little Frank & Sue C.J. at home our Cousins the Arnolds spent it with us. My time was partly taken up in attempting to wake Thomas who thoughtlessly had fastened his mothers lodging room door & had gone to sleep without unfastening it — after trying long to rouse him by knocking on the door with a hammer & on the floor over him without success — I sought in different parts of the neighborhood for a ladder and finally succeeded in getting in at the window and thus opening the door — Thos. & little Sue knowing nothing of the trouble which the thoughtlessness of the former had cost me & others of the family — Cousin James came latter than Cousin Sarah & Eliza — Our rain water cistern exhausted for the 1st time since its completed
7th day 10th Occupied at the C.J. house through the day — was at home in continuance of C.J. house Calculations — little Frank & Sue with

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with some of the other Children took a sleigh ride again to day —
1st day 11th Attended meetings and passed the rem.r of the day at home with my family in the exercise of those sweet sympathies which busy engagements on other days of the week allow me little leisure for — I hope however the case will be different at a future though some-what distant period —
2d day 12th Engaged in attend.g to C. house duties ev.g at home
3d day 13th Spent the day at the C. house ev.g spent at home in continuance of the la-bors of the day
4th day 14th Spent the day & ev.g at the C. house & at home in attention to my acco.ts —
5th day 15th Spent the day at my acco.ts at home till near ev.g — then at the C. house Sister Anna took tea here — And.w Sen.r & And.w Jr called in the ev.g but I did not see them being at the C. house through the ev.g — Our Thomas thoughtlessly again bolted himself in his lodging room and after ineffectual attempts to rouse him from his slumbers Jacob borrowed a ladder & got in at the window of the dressing room as I did about a week since
6th day 16th Occupied at the C. house through the day ev.g partly there also rem.r at home

7th day 17th Engaged at the C. H. house through the day day after 11 Adl — a call from Uncle Dean & some engagements at home prevents my getting there earlier, W. J. at home — our Children had several of their Cousins to visit them in consideration of their 11th birth day falling on tomorrow — Sam & Andw called in that W. J. to attend their sisters home —
1st day 18th — Attended Mg. Adl and called with Thos. & Edd to see Mother & father, & also at Aunt Mary's — went to visit the Jail in the afternoon where religious Service was performed by Mr. Mudge in a very acceptable ~~and~~ appropriate manner. W. J. at home Chs. Sarel called P.M.
2d. day 19th Occupied through the day at the C. House, except attending the Mg of Bank Directors &c W. J. at home, Uncle Dean took tea with us & Uncle Wm. & wife called in the W. J. Harriet Douglass quite unwell —
3. day 20th Engaged at the C. House through the day, W. J. at home —
4. 21 — Occupied through the day with C. house duties, W. J at home. Sister Eliza took tea with us
5th day 22d — Devoted myself to C. H. house duties after giving a couple of hours to refitting some of our water works which required attention W. J. at home
6th day 23d. Spent most of the day at home arranging my tools, work bench & making some

trifling repairs about the house. rem^r. of the business hours at the C. house, eve^g. at home posting my books to compensate for lost time from C. house duties — Little Frank played a little while in the open air, the first time since his illness —
7th day 24th. Attended to C. house duties through the day, except giving Edm^d. a little aid in his first attempts at skating. eve^g. at home — sister Eliza took tea with us — Our little Frank took the air again to day — having been benefitted by the experiment yesterday —
1st day 25 Attended meeting at the Lyceum A.M & P.M. at our own M^g house, took the three boys with me in the M^g & called to see their grandparents after — little Frank for the 1st time since his sickness — took the two elder boys with me P.M. — rem^r. of the day & eve^g at home. Uncle Danl spent the latter with us —
2^d. day 26th. Occupied most of the day with C. house business, eve^g. at home. Lydia Greene & E. Mitchell spent it with us —
3^d. day 27 Spent the forenoon in attending to C. H. house duties. had Uncle Dan to dine with us and remained at home most of the afternoon, had a call from Wm Rent & Lydia Swain, our neighbour Abigail Greene & father, mother & Eliza joined us at tea —

4th day 28th. Occupied at the C.y house through the day, — Evg. at home Uncle Dean called to take leave as he returns home to-morrow — Our little Frank awoke this evg. twice in great terror probably the effect of dreaming and the feeble state of his health. — he bleeds frequently at the nose.

5th day 29. Much of the forenoon devoted to getting signatures to Petition to Congress for a Marine Hospital at this place. P.M. at the C.y house, evg. at home — Dr. Bartlett called

6th day 30th. Busily engaged at the C.y house, Evg. at a meeting of the executive board of the N.B. Port Socy. for the M. I. of Seamen

7th day — C.y. house duties claimed my time principally — had painters here yesterday & part of the day paintg. roof scuttles of Barn & Woodhouse ~~kit~~ Cellar kitchen Closets &c. — Wm. Wall brought home the head which he has been paintg. from memory for our dear little Charles. — his success has exceeded my anticipations, and gives us all particularly his mother & aunt much satisfaction — the conception is happy & appropriate — enveloped in clouds except his beautiful head and seraphic wing, — as in the act of ascending to enjoy eternally the unalloyed bliss of heaven. — Evg. at home

50 1st day 2d mo. 1 Attended Meetings and passed the rem. of the day at home, evg. also — Mr. Prescott — & Mr. & Miss Mack & Miss Braxton called in the evg.
2d day 2d. Attended the Mg. of Bank Directors & passed the day at the C. house except riding a couple of miles on business taking little Frank & Sue with me — evg. at home. Capt. & Sister Sarah & their two elder children took tea & spent the evg. with us
3d day 3d. Spent the day in attending to my C. house & Wharf business evg. at home
4th day 4th. Spent the day at the C. house evg. at home, Sister Susan & her two children took tea with us. — Hannah Alley our Cook has been unwell a day or two but is below stairs again to day but not able to resume her appropriate duties —
5th day 5th. Attended the Mg. Bank Directors and spent the rem. of the day at C house duties, evg. at home,
6th day Occupied at the C. house through the day evg. at home. little Mary spends the night at her uncle Morgan's
7th day 7 Engaged all at home preparing my accounts as Treasr. of Rotch's Wharf Comy. P.M. attended the Annual Meeting of said Compy and was re appointed Secy. & Treasurer. employed in the evg. at home recording the proceedings of S. meeting &c. Ed. Frank & Sue went to their Uncle Morgan's immediately after breakfast to hear a performance on the accordeon a new French Musical Instrument. —

Called the Dr. to see little Ellen this morning she
having had a very restless night.
1st day 8th. Attended Mtg. A.M. — visited the
Jail P.M. — where religious service was
performed by Mr. Mudge — apartments
comfortable & clean. The unrestrained com-
munication which there takes place among
the prisoners on this day of leisure has an
unhappy effect. — Called afterward to
see my parents & sister Susan — wf
at home.
2d. day. Attended the Mtg. of Bank Directors
& devoted the day to C. house business
wf. at home
3d. day 10th Occupied at the C. house through
the day wf. at home, sent down to the
~~4th day~~ Alms house this wf. for Sophia
who is reported to be better and very de-
sirous to come to town. She will remain
at Jacobs a few days on trial to ascertain
whether her reason is sufficiently restored
to enable her to be useful in some fam-
ily —
4th. day 11th. Engaged at the C. house through
the day wf. at home in conttn of C. house
Calculations. Sister Eliza took tea with
us — & little Isabella visited our little Sue.
5th. day 12. C. house duties again occupied the
day — Eliza Drinker & her daughter Anna
& our niece Emily took tea with us. Wm.
Morgan called to attend his daughter home &
S. G. Morgan to wait upon his aunt &c

52 6th day 14th Occupied through the day at the C. H. house &c, Wg. at home.
7th day Spent the forenoon principally at home in read g. & in attend g to some little domestic matters calling Thos. at his Anth & &c Called also to see my Aunt Mary - P.M. at the C. house Wg. at home
1st day 15 Attended Meeting A.M. at the Lyceum. P.M. at the other Friends Mg. walked to deliver some tracts &c at the Jail before breakfast & called to see my parents before meeting, walked to the South part of the town after & passed the rest of the day & wg. at home in the family circle -
2d day 16th Attended the Mg. of Bank Directors and devoted the business hours to the C. house &c Wg. at home. our niece Ellen with us at din. & remains the night.
3d day 17th Spent the day in attention to C. house duties. assisted our little Mary at her arithmetic after dinner. Wg at home -
4th day 18th Occupied at the C. house Wg. at home - Our little Ellen quite unwell with inflammation of the eyes & fever had Dr. Read to see her to day. Our niece Martha Robeson drank tea with us - & her bro. Andw called to attend her home

5th day 19th — The note under date of yesterday was made for this day, — The note for 4th day having been omitted — Nothing particularly worthy of remark is recollected — occupied as usual —

6th day 20 — Little Ellen continues quite an invalid — the nursery has been kept dark on acco.t of her inflamed eyes — her mother thinks her better and Dr. Reed tho.t that she had less fever this m.g — W.f. at home after a day devoted to very usual C.f. home avocations — our two elder children at E Drinkers' to tea and, Walter Mitchel took ~~tea~~ tea here on a visit to Thos &c — The town has been quite excited by the news of the recall of the French minister & dismissal of the Am.n Min.r at Paris in consequence of the belligerent tone of the President's message to Congress at the opening of the Session —

7th day 21 — Spent the in attending to C.f. home duties, , w.f. at home Jn.o H. Drinker spent the day (litterally) with our boys our nephews Sam & Alfred, & Anne Drinker & our niece Ellen joined us at tea — S. G. Morgan [illegible] in the w.g

1st day 22.d Attended Meeting here as our our. Mg. hse. & P.M went & ma chen H. at the Episcopal — Called to see mother B.r after accompanying ma chen H to J. Rotch's — And.w & Anna, Ch.s & Sarah E. Drinker called in the course of the day, Ev.g at home

2nd day 23rd. Spent the day in attending to Offices duties — W.J. also partly so occupied
3rd day 24th Engaged in business at the Off. house through the day; W.J. attended the Mtg. of the Fem. Society, and afterward called at Fathers.
4th day 25th. Spent the day principally at the Stone Store occupied with my Fathers books and accounts, W.J. similarly engaged with his books at home
5th day 26th. Went to the Off. House as usual before breakfast, and spent the forenoon in attending to making some entries and investigation of accounts in Fathers book at home; also gave some attention to refitting some of our water works which had been out of order. Father Mother Sister Eliza & Mrs L Rodman ~~[illegible]~~ & spent the day with us Emily Morgan being with us at tea — my bro. W. R Rodman returned wk. before last with Sister C. from Boston whither they went about a week before with their D. Anna & Sister Susan & her dr. Eliz. — the three latter yet remain there — Father appears to enjoy a quiet state of mind quite undisturbed & contented though unable to hold any conversation — his appetite is good & he looks very well, but he seems quite feeble & distrustful of his ~~powers of~~ strength in moving about. — Placid and tractable as the most docile child. exceedingly pleased with his little grand Children

6th day 27th A Severe Snow Storm and occupation in examining my fathers books has kept me busily employed at home to day
7th day 28th Occupied busily through the day & eveg. with my fathers account books — though the last day of winter the weather has been quite Severe mercury at 6° this mg. & 9° at 10 P.M — Snow enough on the ground to induce some of the amateurs of Slaying to Sally forth to the music of the jingling bells and inhale the exhilarating atmosphere and bright wintry Scenery — Ma chere H took little Sue to Sit for her portrait & the other children were more or less abroad except the infant Ellen — our nephew S. Codman Morgan Spent the afternoon and eveg. with our children
1st day 3d m. 1. ~~Attended~~ Meeting A.M at the Lyceum and P.M. the other Friends House called to my Parents and Sister Rebecca and passed the rest of the day and eveg. at home
2. day 2 — Attend the Bank Directors Meetg. & Spent the rest of the day at the C.J. House Eveg. at home — A Robeson Jr called
3d day 3d — Engaged part of the forenoon in attending to the repairs of our Rotatory Cooking Stove, the lining having failed & the revolving plate been cracked, & devoted the rest of the day & eveg. to my own C J house business or to the examination of my fathers books at home —

4th day 4th Busied most of the day in relation to my fathers books, & to the accots. of the Candle works, made trial of a simple apparatus for moistening the air of our parlor which is rendered too drying for the furniture by the Coal fire — evg. at home except attending sister Eliza to mothers, she having taken tea with us — Hannah Ally our cook unwell

5th day 5th Attended the Mg of Bank Directors — and spent the forenoon at the Cy house — P.M. writg. at home from father books evg at home — Dr Spooner was called to see H. Ally — bled her &c

6th day 6th I have been occupied through the day at home with my fathers accots. relating to Oil manufactory — Dr Spooner came again to see Hannah she is better but confined to her bed — Sophia Kirkley came this evg. to make our complement of assistants in the famy.

7th day 7th, Spent the business hours of the day & the evg. at the Cy house —

1st day attended meetings at Spring Street house. called to enquire after father who seemed more than usually feeble yesterday — found him as well as usual to day — Spent the remr. of the day — evg. at home — C. W. Morgan called on business rela tive to the Oil Contract

2d day 9th Spent the day & eve in the discharge of C. house duties — Sarah Wall here this afternoon as a Mantua maker — H. Ally more unwell from imprudence in eating
3d day 10th Spent the forenoon at home in reference to the adjustment of the joint stock accounts of the Oil Many. afternoon & eve. devoted to the same objects at my bro. Bi C. Rooms &c
4th day 11th Occupied through the day in relation to the accots of the Camden Works & Co at the C. house of my brother Benjn
5th day 12 Occupied through the day & eve. with the settlement of the Spti Many. accots at my bro. Bi Store
6th day 13th Spent the day & eve. principally on the accots of the Spti many. at my bro. Benjns Counting house J. Thornton assisting me in the tedious process —
7th day 14th Still engaged at my bro. Bi Store on the Camden Works accots through the day & eve. — Hannah is still confined to her room though better than some days since — our little Mary visiting her grandmother this afternoon
1st day 15th Attended meetings, called to see C. N. Morgan who has been confined at home by sickness the past week, and rode to see my parents and Aunt Mary

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2d day 16th Spent an hour at my own C. house ~~Hitt~~ before breakfast and spent the remd. of the day & evg. at the Stock accots.

3d day 17th I have devoted another day to the Stock accounts also the evg with small progress for the time and labor bestowed —

4th day 18th This day & evg. has been devoted as those last preceding —

5th day 19th Occupied A.M. at my store in relation to the engagement of my men for continuing my whaling business the approaching season. P.M & evg. at my bro: R's C. room on the Oil Stock accots. & Robeson also there till a very late — found to my great regret that ma chin & sister had been very uneasy at my detention

6th day, Spent the day & evg at the stock accots —

7th day Spent part of the fore-noon at my own C. house P.M & evg. at the Oil accounts. Our children all out but little Frank, at Aunt Mary's mother & sister Sarah's

1st day 23 Attended meetings A.M & P.M — the weather rainy & unpleasant, took only the two elder boys, and made & me. no calls-

2^d day 23 Still devoted day & evening to the Stock, accounts, a very laborious & tedious but very important and necessary Job Called to enquire after my nephew S. W. Rodman who has been quite unwell since his visit to Boston having returned with a Severe Cold

3^d day 24th This is my 43^d birth day. The years now pass with rapid flight, this conviction should & I hope may be of constant impression, that no day may pass unimproved to the best of my opportunities having especial reference to those attainments of a Spiritual & moral kind which are essential to my own peace and happiness and that of those with whom divine Providence has connected my allotment — let this be then & my maxim, "Pay no moment but in purchase of its worth."

I passed the forenoon in reading at home & in visiting the ~~inmates of the~~ house of correction in my capacity of Overseer — found the house in as good order as they can well be in the present State of the buildings & — which do not admit of the separation and discipline which is essential to the moral reformation of the Inmates — Spent the afternoon an the entire ev^g at the C. house of my bro^r. B. where the business of adjust^g the Oil accounts moves with all ~~the~~ exertions ~~but Slowly &c~~ of myself & Ja^s. Thornton but Slowly on.

4th day 25th. Still devoted to the Oil accounts through the day & eve— Our two oldest children this day began to take lessons in vocal music with Dr Reed's children at his house under the instruction of Mr. Lincoln

5th day 26th. My engagements with reference to the Oil accounts continue to absorb my day & eve hours

6th day 27 Still at the Oil Accounts, day & eve—

7th day 28th. Occupied as of late day & eve with the Stock accounts making but little progress withal—

1st day 29 Attended meetings and spent the rem. of the day at home with my family, a delightful contrast to the day labors of the week. Mr Chas H. accompanied me in the mg. & Sister P. in the afternoon— read besides the bible the works & letters of Hannah More — a splendid example of high talents devoted to the highest ends.

2 day 30th. Occupied through the day & eve as for the last two weeks

3 day 31 — Still engaged at the Ofs. house of my brother B. as for many days past— letters last eve apprised us that brot Benj. is sick with inflammatory Rheumatism at Boston his wife with Chas & Sarah as companions &c go to-

morrow to nurse & comfort him — I called to see her & parents this eve. after the seasonable hours of labor has passed at the C. house

4th day 4 mo 7 — My tedious job continues to occupy my waking hours to the exclusion of objects more interesting and improving — a few days more will however I hope afford me a respite, as well from this pressing toil —

5th day 2d. My C. house engagements occupied me till a late hour & prevented my attendance of the 2d. Meeting of Friends held this day

6th day 3d. Principally occupied with the Stock accounts A.M. P.M. devoted to accounts particularly my own, disability for writing arising from a wounded thumb and too much exercise of it in writing makes it useless to continue at present my C. H. labors. Sister Anna & her daughter Martha took tea with us & Mol. spent part of the eve. with us

7th day 4th. Occupied most of the day in making arrangements for my wharf buildings — and in directing the cleaning the cesspool of our cellar & other sinks, and in opening & pumping our cistern to remove any obstruction which I judged had obstructed the passage of the waste water; as the water had risen so high

at to flow from the pump without the action of the piston, and overflow the kitchen floor — the examination did not result in the discovery of any obstruction. our fd James Stewart arrived in town this afternoon from New York & is our guest

1st day 5th attended mg. All at the Episcopal place of worship — E. W. Morgan dined with us — in the afternoon called with Wm S to see sister Anna & in the evg called with him on uncle Wm & father —

2d day 6th this day begins my working season for my whf. business which engrossed my time & attention went twice to the Island. evg. at home — Aunt Mary took tea with us — my leg aparently did not permit my attending town mtg.

3d day 7th occupied through the day with my whf. business went twice to the Island and spent 2/3 of the day there evg at home

4th day 8th engaged through the day with my wharf business. evg. at home

5th day 9th spent the day in superintending my wharf business, and in examining the state of my house on 7th str and in directing the repairs of the same which will be very considerable. evg at home. Jos. & Sarah Ricketson called to see us —

6th 10th. For one week I have been disqualified for writing by an inflamation succeedg. a superficial injury of the thumb, — but this evg— I am again able to use the pen without inconvenience — I spent the day in attending to my wharf business. most of the afternoon at the Island. — evg. at home — Our nephew Rodman Morgan & niece Ellen drank tea with the family— I being detained till after the [illegible] at the wharf —

7th day 11th. Occupied through the day with business at the wharf &c, detained at the Of house till the evg. was partly spent, then called at mothers to learn the intelligence from my bro. B— found it ~~[illegible]~~ favorable —, — Sister E & little Walter took tea here —

1st day 12th. Attended Meeting at our own Society's House ma chere H & the 4 elder children accompanying me A.M. after mg— we all walked to the grave of our blessed little Charles — and myself & the boys to that of our fair little Mary. after the P.M. mg— took little Sue, who with her aunt accompanied me to it — to her uncle Morgans to see her little cousin Izabelle, and I also called to see Benj. Lincoln our neighbor when we were at our former residence he being confined with a fractured leg. also called at Mothers, the acc.ts from Boston recd last evg. report Bro. B. rather better — Mr. Prescott called to see us in the evg —

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2d day 13 — Went with my work-men to the island before breakfast, & were there again A.M. P.M. at home more than usual waiting to receive a religious visit from Ruth Davis who is now engaged in visiting the families of the Society — they came about 4 3/4 O'Clk (Mary Card & Fra. Baker accomp. her) and their visit was acceptable and I hope may be profitable. Sister E. dined & took tea with us — Evg. at home

3d day 14th Engaged with my wharf business & A.M., P.M. at C.J. house, evg. at home. A Robeson arriving from Phila. and he and Capt. David McKenzie who arrived yesterday from St. John called to consult relative to the J. Stewart left by Capt. McK at St. John with his cargo of Oil, when he arrived on the 2d Inst —

4th day 15th Occupied at the C.J. house, & whf & Anthony's House on 7th St. Evg. at home

5th day 16th principally occupied at home or in contriving and superintending the preparations for the proposed alterations of the house on 7th St, Evg. at home, weather a Snow Storm. Wm. Robeson called & goes to Cambridge tomorrow —

6th day 17th Occupied at the C.J. house & whf. & at Anthy's house. Evg. at home Mother & Father Sister Eliza & Wm. L Rodman took tea with us. Father quite feeble & unable to hold any social communication.

7th day 18th. Occupied in attending to the several departments of my business through the day & engaged in the evg. with my accts. which the very partial attention which I been able to give them for the past two weeks had placed in arrear — S & A. Rodman called but I did not see them
1st day 19th. Attended mtg. all at the Lyceum P.M. at the Bethel & the Jail. Called at fathers Andrews, Jas. Arnold & Thos. A. Greene's, the latter accompanied me to the Bethel & Jail, to the jail we went in the capacity of Overseers of the House of Correction. — Attended in the evg. with my son Edmund at the North Baptist Mtg. House, a lecture on Slavery by the Rev. Mr. May — who stated the subject & views of the Anti Slavery Socy. with much force of Reason & Eloquence — the Mtg. was large though composed chiefly of Males on acct. of the unpleasant state of the weather. He announced his intention of treating on the subject again on 3 & 4th day Eveg.
2d. 20th Devoted the day to the affairs of the town as presented at the Annual Mtg. — all of which were acted on or remitted in a satisfactory manner, especially a Measure which I originated in the warrant, appointg. a Comtt. to aid in suppressg. the illegal traffic in Ardent Spts. evg. attd. a Mtg. of Trus. F. B.
3d. day 21 Spent the day in attending to the various branches of my business at the Cy. Sel. Wharf & house on 7th St. — attend. in the evg. the 2d lecture of Mr. May on Slavery more interg. ...

on the first - took our two elder Chil-
dren with me -
4th day 22d Spent the day in attending to
the different branches of my business, at
the whf. C.H. house & 7th St. house &c - Aunt
Mary & Mary Giffords took tea with us
- but I was obliged to leave them immediate-
ly after to attend a mg. of the Comee for
the Suppression of Intemperance. After
it I was appointed a delegate by a Conven-
tion of the friends of Tempce to attend a
Convention to be held at Taunton tomorrow
to nominate Candidates for the office of
C.H. Comrs -
5th day 23d. After attending to my
business for the day I set off in my
gig with Edwd L Goddards for Taunton
about 8¼ O'clk. arrived about ½ past
12 - after dining & calling at the Reg-
isters Office I repaired with others to
the Town Hall - the Convention was
organized about 3 O'clk and the
business accomplished about 5 - we
set off on our return and arr.d about
9 - taking the road through Assonet each
way -
6th day 24th. Spent the day in attending
to the several departments of my business
ws. at home to early tea Mr. Mack
& Miss Mack & Miss Braston being here
to visit us -

7th day 25 - Attended to several subjects of business still and went to the head of the River for plank sawed for my Store doors P.M. - attended a Comm. relative to temple evg. a mtg. of the Genl. Comm. of the Town on the same subject.
1st Day - 26th Attended meetg. still and spent the rem. of the day at home writing - Andw. Robeson called in the evg.
2d day 27th Attended to my business in its various departments through the day. evg. at a Mtg. of the Tem. Comm. held at the Lyceum
3d day 28th Occupied through the day principally in writing at home. Spent a short time at the Cf. house towards evg. afterwards at home - weather exceedingly boisterous. wind very heavy from N.E. SE to SW - rain A.M.
4th day 29th Attended through the day to the different departments of my business evg. at home, Capt. Gardner late of the Bark Margaret spent the evg. with us & Thos. A Greene called
5th day 30th Engaged through the day with my relf. & other business, evg. at brother Benjn. to meet my aunt & cousin Saml. Hazard from New York who arrived here on 3d day after being detained 5 ds at Newport with Erysipelas - her visit was now made to see aunt Molly who had a Paralytical shock about 10 days since

6th day 5 mo 1 — Spent part of the forenoon at the C. House. P.M. occupied in attempts to turn over one of my Scows which was injured in the late gale but did not succeed — Spent the evening at fathers old mansion now temporarily occupied by C.M. Moran — where Aunt Hazard & Cousin Saml. were with most of our own family connection & Uncle Wm — Ma Chuett. intended to go to Newyork tomorrow in the Comp'y of Aunt H & S — but the indisposition of Mary & Susan with cold will probably prevent the fulfilment of her intention

7th day 2 — Engaged most of the day about my wharf business principally in directing operations for turning my Scow, which was driven on shore and injured in the severe gale of last 3d day — P.M. gave attention to C. house duties, &c — I did not return from there till 9 P.M. when I came home & found Capt Gardner & T. R. Greene — the indisposition of our Mary & Sue prevented their Mother in from availg. of the company of Aunt & Cousin S Hazard in going to Newyork — the latter left this morning

1st day 3 — Attended meeting A.M. at the Lyceum. P.M. at Spring St. — made a call at Andrews & Williams with Thos. R Greene relative an arrangement or proposition from Wm Mack relative to the School at the Acady. gave some

time after tea to gaining information relative to the Candidates for County Comrs - but was not able to succeed in time to effect the object which I had in view of publishing it in the Mercury of to-morrow — Little Frank had again a turn of delirium about an hour after getting to sleep. it has occurred almost every evg for the last 10 days or two weeks, and is cause of much anxiety - Dr Read is at a loss as to its cause

2d. day 4th. Spent most of the forenoon in endeavoring to induce people to attend the Election of Cy. Comrs & vote for the temperance ticket, afternoon gave some time to the same objects and the remr of the day to forwarding my other business particularly in making arrangements for getting my Scow on shore so as to be able to repair her - evg. called at Bro. Wms with Thos. A Green relative to the engagement of of Mr Stoddard now teaching the high School at Plymouth as principal of the Academy here — the vote today was q in favor of the License Candidates, a result little creditable to the temperance efforts of the people

3d day 5th. Occupied through the day in overseeing and directing my workmen about the hauling up of one of my large Scows for repairing. the injury in her bottom. in endeavoring to disengage one of the Chains Edmund Rice had his ancle dislocated & the small bone slightly fractured — evg at home. Our little Frank

7º had a short attack of Croup last night. he has been under the Drs hand for a day or two for a cold & his periodical nervous paroxisms which occur about an hour after he has got to sleep in the evg — he has thus far missed the ~~[illegible]~~ terror this evg.

4th day 6th Attended to my whf. business through the day. & was detained at the C. house part of the evg. preparing to go to New York with Ma Cherett & the two eldest children tomorrow —

5th day 7th Steam Boat Providence. Long Island Sound. Rose early and devoted the morning to getting my C. house business in a proper state to leave home, and to leaving the necessary instructions relative to the prosecution of my wharf business, Started in the Stage about 8 O'clk with Ma Cherett & the two eldest children Edmund & Mary. for New Port among the Passengers were Jas. H Howl. wife & child & Capt. Chs. Coggeshall, & so many others whom I did not know that the Coach would not accommodate all & a gig was sent in Compy. in which I rode as far as West port with Capt. Coggeshall & then exchanged seats with Edmund who was made a little sick by the motion & confined air of the Stage — Stopped to dine at Townsends but found the house filled with company. on the occasion of the State Election of Govr. & Senators, the members of the Legislature in "Grand Comte" being assembled to ascertain

the State of the votes from the returns from the several towns in the Commonwealth — On the present occasion there was much interest excited from the uncertainty which party had succeeded in the Senate, The Jackson candidate for Govr., Francis, was re-elected. — The delay incident to providing or serving dinner for so large a number made our passengers doubt whether it would do to wait for dinner. but we at length succeeded in making a hasty meal, and arrived at the wharf in good time, the Steam boat appearing about 2 1/2 P.M. — onboard, of our acquaintance was Thomas Hazard, and about 100 passengers, our neighbor Wm. Alexd. Gibbs of those who went onboard at Newport — the wind was fresh from the S. & West. on going out of the harbor so as to occasion a little sickness among the ladies & mr Chew H soon retired to her berth where she remained for the night — I showed Edd. & Mary about the boat, walking on deck & in the Cabin &c &c till bed time. The passage except for the first hour has been comparatively smooth, and quite pleasant with a pros of its continuing so —

6th day 8th Steam Boat Benjn. Franklin Long Island Sound. The Providence arrived at New York about 5 1/2 O'Clk AM, and our party reached Father Priors about 6 1/2 O'Clk. found them pretty well — after breakfast went to B & P's Count g-Room to make some genl. enquiries about the State of business in New York &c

Went between 9 & 10 A.M. with H. Barrow to the U.S. Court room in the building in the rear of the City Hall to attend the first session of the Annual Meeting of the American Lyceum — Prest. Duer of Col.a College presided. the number of delegates in attendance was small, but one or two from the N.Y. Lyceum. Judge Radcliffe & Revd. Mr. Johnson of the Brooklyn Lyceum. Professor Dewey of Williams College a Professor from Yale. Prest. by invitation. Several young men from the Newark Lyceum, two officers of the Navy as delegates from the U.S. Naval Lyceum. & a few others I presented my credentials — the Mg. was called to order about 10½ O.Clk. a Comee. of which Theodore Dwight Jr. the Cor. Secy. was chairman, was appointed (subsequently however to the report of the Comee. of which Judge Radcliffe was Chn.; on the validity of the Credentials offered) to report on the order of business to be observed by the Lyceum. Several letters were read from Officers of the Socy. & from distinguished individuals. the latter in reply to invitations from the Execve. board. to participate in the deliberations, of the Lyceum, or to furnish dissertations to be read at the Annual Meeting. Most of said letters being apologies for non attendance or non compliance with the invitations given —

— The delegates were called upon in the order of States to give some acct. of the situation the Lyceums & of institutions for popular instruction in their several districts

—Statements of some interest were given by Prof. Dewey, the Prof. from New Haven, Judge Radcliff the Rec. Secy. from Connt. a delegate from the N. Y. Lyceum. One from Newark and a written communication from the U. S. Naval Lyceum. Brooklyn giving an exposition of what had been done or was contemplated, this document was ordered to be printed— The questions were taken in a manner new to me,— After stating the question the Prest. said, "as many as agree to the motion say aye, those opposed to it. say no, — It is carried" — The session being ended & the Mg. adj. to 5 O'clk. I again repaired to the Cy. house of Barrow & Prior, taking in my way a few pieces of gingerbread to serve as a substitute for dinner, and after attendg. there to such business as I had to do I returned to father Prior's 220 Madison St. to take leave of Ma chere &c. & children parents &c and be onboard the S. Boat before the time of her departure five O'clk. P.M.— Edmd. accompanied me to the wharf near the battery on the North River, and I left him with his uncle Edmund, as Boat moved from the ~~wharf~~ Dock — Onboard are the Hillon g. from N. Bedford Fredk. Howland & wife Fr. Howland & Captn. Woods of the Brig Elizabeth —who is from New Orleans via Baltimore, having left his brig at the latter place, he has under his care the wife & two quite young children of a cousin of his who resides in N. O. formerly from Bridgewater where they are now going — We return with a prospect

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of a fine night and good passage

7th day 9th **Home.** Arrived at Newport about 7¾ O'clk AM — while the Stage stopped for the mail I walked to Wm. T. Potters to have a look at the house & premises. Found him & spent a few minutes looking over the house and appendages — they have been improved and enlarged since the last season — several rooms entry floors &c painted & the Cook'g. apparatus adapted to the use of Coal as fuel, ~~the most~~ to a considerable extent an addition adjoining the kitchen on the east for washing, mangleing &c in that department — he had already some lodgers & transient company — the continuance of cool weather to the present period will probably protract somewhat the filling up of his house by visitors from warmer localities — walked from the hill and rejoined the Stage in Broad Street. Stopped at the usual places and arrived here about 1½ P.M. after a pleasant ride and had the satisfaction to find all whom we had left behind as well or better than when we left them. After dinner, occupied till evg. principally in relation to the voyage of the James Stewart as advised by a letter from C. C. Stewart &c. in my absence. Called also at bro. Benj.ns Charles & Andrews — in the course of the afternoon, and went over to Fairhaven just after sunset to get some Insurance at the Office there, — evg. at home

1st day 10th — Attended meetings at Spring St. House, . Andw & Anna & their daughter Martha called between megs & Sister Eliza & T. A. Greene after tea
2d day 11th Spent the mg. at the whf. & Cg. house, forenoon principally in directing the & attendg. to the workmen at the House on 7th St. — in taking down the front wall of my dwellg. house to replace it with reference to the graduated State of the Street — . P.M. at the Cg house Evg at home. visited the Jail also P.M. in company with T. A. Greene
3d day 12 - Occupied most of the day at the Cg. house — went onboard the Ship Iris Belle — which arrived yesterday from the Pacific Ocean with 1500 bls. Oil —
— Attended a meeting of the Executive board of the N. B. P. Socy. in the Evg —
— Mo. A Greene called afterward
4th day 13th Engaged most of the day at the Cg. house & wharf Evg. at home Sister Eliza took tea with us. Masons begun to rebuild our Street wall.
5th day 14th. Attended to my business at the Cg. house, wharf &c, Evg. at home
6th day 15th. Attended the Mg. of Trustees of Friends Academy P.M. and the recording of the doings occupied a considerable part of the afternoon, afterward gave some attention to operations at Ho on 7th St & went subsequently to the Cg. house where I

staid till dark in conversation with Wm. McGarvey late cooper of the Margaret arrived at St John. and formerly a servant in our family — rem. of the evg. at home

7th day 16 — Engaged before breakfast at the whf & cg. house. A M at the Office of Judge Spooner relative to violations of the License laws, P M at Wharf &c, evg. at home

1st day 17th attended Mtg. AM. and accidentally was belated PM — at home the rem. of the day, called to see father & Mother in the evg — the latter was out but saw sister Eliza who informed me of the death of my fathers sister Mary at Humphrey Davis' Long plain where she has been boarded for several years. she died about 8 O'clk this morning — having been of insane mind for the last 60 years of her life — age probably about 84

2d day 18th Attended the Mtg of Bank Directors and gave attention to my whf & other business A M — P M, occupied with reference to my business at the whf &c &c —

3d day 19th Spent the morning about home, in visiting & giving directions relative to our darling Charles's grave had a fir tree planted at the head & foot — about 12 O'clk rode with my son Thos. a mile out of Town to meet

the funeral procession & remains of my Aunt Molly (Mary Rodman) and accompanied it to the Grave which is in the family Inclosure and same row as that of our dear Chs. The occasion was of a Nature to recall with vividness the Scenes of Sorrow associated with the memory of that sweet and beautiful boy. — May the dispensation work the effect on us which a beneficent Providence who only wounds to heal designs — to induce us to place our hopes of happiness beyond this changing Scene. ~~the~~

Devoted the afternoon to my Cq house duties, which are pressing, and afford me employment through the evening. Sister Eliza took tea with us. Grace Wm. Mack called late in the evg.

4th day 20th Spent the morning at the Cq. house and a considerable portion of the day in attending to the preparation for re-setting the front fence toward the Corner, removg. superfluous earth from the bank &c the latter part of the afternoon at the Cq house evg. in calculations at home. The weather very warm Thermom: 84 maxm a pretty severe gust, with vivid lighting & heavy thunder (not very near) from 6½ to 9 P.M.

5th Day 21. At Cq. house before breakfast & remr. of day pris 7. occupied in seeing to workmen at the house, front yard &c, lower West part of Close fence

On Spring St. my nieces Eliz.th Emily & Ellen drank tea with us — C.J. at home excep't going to C.J. house to shut up — Potter Hillman & Co painted Din'g Room, wood work & floors &c

6th day 22. Occupied at the C.J. house and in superintend'g or direct'g operations about front yard & fence, adjusted (west) close fence and erected again fence on Bank walls, the shrubery will probably be reset tomorrow on the off St. and the bank be sodded. I expect to leave for Newyork tomorrow to attend on my Chev H & children on their return home

7th day 23. Steamboat Boston in Long Island Sound — Rose early & devoted the mg. to arranging ~~the~~ my business for leav'g home to attend my wife & Children on their return from N. York. Set off in the Stage 10 minutes before 8 — and arrived at Newport at the usual time, dined at Townsends & went onboard the Boat, a larger number of NewBedford people than is common among the passengers — Lydia Russell & her three children, were in one of the Stages to Newport. I held the little lame boy most of the way — Capt.n Dunbar McKenzie & L. Hillman Eliz.h Howland Mary R Taber & Miss McKenzie Contin. on the route for N. York. weather pleasant with prospect of a fine passage

1st day 24th. New York. arrived ~~a~~ at the

City at 5 3/4 A.M. proceeded without delay to 220 Henderson St. and found my Chas H & Children & our Parents all well — attended Mtg. at Henry St. House, and in the forenoon heard an interesting and able Sermon from Lindley M Hoag a young friend of about 25 from New Hampshire — Called at bro. Jn. Barrow Jr. and with my Chas H. at my Aunt Hannah & Henry Lawrence R. Walkers. Sarah Haydocks Joshua Underhills and John Barrows Senr. — My father in law's Sister Sarah dined & bro. Jn. & sister B. took tea with us —

2d. day 25th Steam Boat President Long Isd. Sound — Rode with my Chas H & Children about the northerly part of the City most remarkable for Splendid dwelling houses and public Edifices — ~~attended~~ my Chas. H. home and then went with my Children to Peals Museum and to ~~see~~ a few shops — called at Aunt Hazards. and after dinner made preparation by preparing trunks &c. for departure — Soon after 5 P.M. were under way in the Steamboat — Capt Dunbar is again a passenger among 150. — Weather fine — with a prospect of a smooth passage, though not a very rapid one as the boat has one

of her wheels disabled,

3rd day 26th. New Bedford — Reached Newport about 8 3/4 A.M., after stopping at Townsend's for the mail to be assorted at the Post Office, we left in the Stage for home, where we arrived about 3 P.M., and had the great satisfaction of finding Sister P. & the dear Children all well, — called at Mothers, and spent a couple of hours at the Office & C. house, when I saw the Iris hauled into my repairing dock the first ship ever there — after tea called to see Capt Coffin on business

4th day 27th Spent the forenoon in walking to my lots & P.M. attended to business at the C. house & & wh. at home, Capt Gardner called; visited the Jail

5th day 28th attended to business at the C. house soon after sunrise by appointment with Capt. Gardner, afterward walked to Walnut St. wh. & to little Ch's grave, after breakfast walked to my Dartmouth lots, and spent the rem. of the day in C. house duties & Sister E. took tea with us — I attended her home, & made a call to see mother on business connected with the Willis House —

6th Day 29th — Spent the day in attending to the various departments of my business, rode to Dartmouth and to the lot near J. Popes P.M. — Evg. at home.

7th Day 30 — At the wharf & Cg. house before breakfast. afterward walked to my N.W. & west lots. returned to wharf. and gave directions about discharging small stones (ballast) from a Ship at the &c. P.M. at Cg. house &c. Evg. went to a Mg. of the Town Comte for suppressing ~~[illegible]~~ the traffic in Ardent Spirits.

1st Day 6mo. 31 Attended Mgs — walked before Mg. to the jail & by my lots returning by the Smiths Mills Road to distribute Tempa. Papers &c. After Mg. walked with Macomber H & our little Sue to little Charles' Grave. Macomber H had calls from Aunt Mary & Eliza Drinker & Lydia Smith — A. Robeson was also here during our absence between Mgs — Sister Eliza drank tea with us Evg. at home

2d. day 6mo. 1 — At the Cg house before breakfast. at & about till dinner after at the lots, wharf. Cg. Room &c Evg. after leaving the Cg. house when two clerks to &c, at home

3 day 6mo. 2 Spent the day at the wharf & Cg-house except an hour occupied in walking to my lots which are in preparation for planting — Evg. at a Mg. of the Tempce Comte.

4th day 3d. Spent the morning in writing at the Cy. house, A.M attending to business at the Insurance Office. Left & walked to my lots, P.M overseeing workmen at the wharf with some attention to Cy. house duties, Eveg partly spent in looking up evidence agains the Rum Sellers. after tea at home
5th day 4th Attended to Cy. house business before breakfast — to my farming operations. A.M & to Cy. house & wharf concerns P.M. — bro. Wms family & Chs. Rotch took tea with us —
6th day 5th Attended to Cy house duties before breakfast — to farming operations A.M. Com! Cy. house business P.M. Eveg at home, had the company of father, mother & sister Eliza at tea —
7th day 6th Spent the My. & afternoon in attending to my wharf & Cy. house business afternoon chiefly devoted to enquiries at the Jail &c with a view to advance the cause of Temp.ce Eveg. after candle light spent at home & in walking to mothers with sister Eliza & ma chere who accompanied us as far as bro. Williams, to see sister R who has an attack of rheumatism in the neck —
1st day 7th attended meetings and devoted a good deal of time to the duties of the Temp.ce Com.ee made several calls on different individuals with reference to it. A Robeson called in the eve.

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2d day 8th — Devoted the morning and fore-noon principally to duty as one of the Comm. of the Town for suppressing the traffic in ardent Spirits — Afternoon at the Cf. house till dark — afterward at home

3d day 9th Engaged with my whf. & Cf. house business, ev. at home except calling at Thos. A Greene's & at Sister Sarah's to see ma cherie & sister home, the latter out at tea — T A & L G arrived to day from Newyork —

4th day 10th Attended to my Cf house & wharf business through the day. (ev.) at home Jo. Williams Called. I called to see E Stackhouse

5th day 11th Spent the day in attention to my Cf. house & whf. business — ev. after dark at home, Sister E took tea here

6th day 12 Engaged at the wharf Cf. house &c — called by request to see Elizabeth Stackhouse P.M. — also went to the house of correction with Thos. A Greene — even. at home. Andrew Robeson Sen. & Jun. & sister Eliza took tea with us

7th day 13 — Occupied most of the day at the Cf. house & wharf — Indeed the whole day from 6½ till night has been devoted to Cf. house operations & the supervision of my workmen &c, — Remaining at the Cf. house till too dark to write I seldom get through tea meal before 9 o'clk — called after tea at Bro. Wm. to attend our daughter Mary home

1 day 14th. Attended Mtg. at Friends house & in the Evg at the Episcopal to hear Mr Greenleaf Agt. of the S. F. Socy. - Machem H & S. Hammond who drank tea with us also there, walked before breakfast to the Jail & Lot, after mtg with ma Chm H & little Frank & Me to little Chs Grave - Called to see Aunt Mary & M Gifford before tea

2d day 15th Spent the day in attention to my business at the Cy house, whf. farm lots &c- Evg. after a late tea, at home, T. A. Greene called. on business connected with the House of Correction

3 day 16th Spent the day almost entirely in arranging & superintending operations connected with my wharf business & the transportation of the Stones &c from the Island went over twice in the forenoon & once in the afternoon. left the Cy house at dark, and spent the rem. of the short evg. at home. Mother was here at tea & I attended her home. I also introduced in the forenoon the Rev. Mr Greenleaf. Agt. of the Amn. Seamen's Friend Socy. to my brother Andrew

4th day 17th Confined with small exception to Cy-house duties &c- Tennance till near 9- in dispatching my Scow to the Island evg. afterward at home

5th day 18th. Spent the day principally at the Cy house. Evg at Dr. Reads viz the latter part of it with Macknett. Sister & the two elder children preceded us — were entertained by their Daughter Mary's performance on the Piano accompanied by her fathers voice. Called afterward a few minutes at Charles.
6th day 19th. Engaged most of the day at the Cy. house & wharf. Had a call here from Nathan Winslow, and introduced him to several Ship Owners in order to procure a voyage to the Pacific for the son of a friend of his who is adicted to intemperance, Called after dark at A Robesons to see sister Anna &c who got home yesterday from Philadelphia — hastened home with sister P & the children on acct. a threatening storm. — reached our home before it came on severely.
7th day 20th Occupied a considerable part of the forenoon at the B.C. Insurance Office urging my views on a point involved in the adjustment of a loss which occurred to the Margaret of St John in Table bay. Rest of the day at the Cy. house & in a ride to my lot. to meet with a Carpenter the 2d family who are to occupy the East tenement of the house at the Dartmouth lots. Father Sister &c. Dr Reads 3 children & Walter Mitchell visited us & our children in the afternoon & Evg. — Capt. Chs H. Coleman appointed to the Margaret of St. John, was here the latter part of the Evg. & till a late hour

1st day 21 Attended meeting. walked to the Jail and round by my lots before breakfast, and after mg. with mr. Chas H. to our dear little Charles' Grave — the rest of the day and evg. at home — J.N. Stoddard of the Academy and Thos. A Greene called

2d. day 22d. Occupied with my Cy. house & wharf business through the day, evg after a late tea at home.

3d. day 23 — Engaged with my ordinary wharf & Cy house business through the day. and met with others of the Comtee of the Trustees of the Academy. Mr. Stoddard principal of the Institution relative to the disorderly conduct of the Scholars. in the evg at our house Wm R Rodman & Thos. A Greene of the Comtee.

4th day 24th. Attended to business through the day at the Cy. House & wharf, Evg. at home Capt. Coffin & his wife & granddaughter took tea with us.

5th day 25th. Spent the day at the Counting hu after the morning. which was devoted to enquiries as one of the Overseers of the House of Correction, in enquiries relative to the wife of George Jones a very respectable coloured man from Nantucket who during his absence on a trip to Baltimore came here and fell into evil habits & she gives some indication of mental derangement. visited the jail and several other places to, the enquire

about her. cont'inual concluded to sign a warrant for her discharge. W.J. at home Miss Dorr & Elizabeth Bourne drank tea with us

6th day 26th. Occupied with C.J. house duties through the day, Ev.: at the meeting of the Genl. Comtee. for enforcing the laws for preventg. the illegal traffic in Ardent Spirits. found father & sister Eliza who stopped after riding and spent the Evg.

7th day 27th. Occupied A.M. in seeking information relative to a person for B. Steere of the Margaret of St John ashd in shipping preparing letters & despatching him for Boston till 8 Bell — after engaged as usual at the C.J. house Wharf &c. till dark when I returned home & remained there through the Evg.

1st day 28th. Attended Meetings walked before breakfast to my lots and distributed sundry copies of the Tem. Recorder at the Gaol and at sev'l. houses on the Smith's Mills Road, called at bro. Williams and after tea at Charles', Evg. went with sister Phebe & the Children Ed. Mary & Frank & afterward with Ma Chas H. & sister Eliza to Cousin Jas. Arnold's Garden to see the rare flower of the Night blooming Cereus — there was a large assemblage on the occasion, the Garden which is very tastefully laid out and in fine order was illuminated and the whole formed an en-

charming scene, well befitting the development of that short lived and interesting flower, unrivalled in the beauty and richness of its form & coloring and in ~~the~~ its delicious perfume. The weather was foggy and ~~the~~ some drops of rain induced a rather early retirement of the numerous and delighted groups of visitants.

2d. day 29 Attended to my C. H. house duties and gave some hours to the Fem. case — Evg. (after dusk) at home. Our little Ellen is sick to day Dr. Read called twice to see her

3d. day 30th. Devoted the day to my C. H. house & wharf business. Little Ellen is considerably better. — Sister Anna & Thos. & Andw. & Martha & Elizabeth Lee called in the Evg. to partake of strawberries — Little Frank had a bad turn of his delirium, as usual about an hour after going to sleep — his terror was excessive in some stages as others he seemed without the effect of his waking efforts. — he ran about the room over bedside & raised the window to jump out — Caroline heard him and ran to pacify him, but in vain his Aunt Phebe found much difficulty in doing it — he ate heartily of warm biscuits at tea — I was absent. his importunity for he has less pliability of disposition than formerly, procures him sometimes improper indulgence — when reason

against resumes his seat, he has no recollection of consciousness of anything unusual having occurred — On the following day he seldom can remember any thing that passed during his paroxisms — though he knows those around him and calls for protection though they remain till excitement has passed, and he then knows all about him — he cannot remember having seen them in the way —
4th day Attended to business at the C. house &c through the day, called in the evg. to accompany Mrs Chan H. from Cousin J Hatch's —
5th day 7mo 2. At the C. house before breakfast and most of the day afterward, attended at the mg. of Bank Directors, and in the afternoon attended at the Police Court as a witness on a complaint against Thos Thompson for selling ardent spirits, he was convicted and fined $20 & costs — at the C. house as long as I could see. then came home to supper and waited upon Sister E. home who called after tea —
6th day 3. — Attended to my wharf & C. house business ~~A the~~ before breakfast and spent the rem. of the forenoon in visiting the House of Correction with J. R. Chadwick and in business connected with the subject of temperance — P.M. attended a session of the Police Ct. to try a complaint against Zephaniah Paddleford for selling ardent spirits without license, he escaped conviction by the perjury of the witnesses

as is believed. devoted the rem. of the day to my Of house business, walked to Gilbert Sabens on an errand of mothers & returned to a late Supper and passed the rest of the Eve at home

7th day 4th. Made a call early in the Mg. at Zephaniah Paddlefords Shop which has had the reputation of being a rum shop but which on complaint made the day before yesterday by the witnesses called was not shown to be such — owing as I then supposed to the perjury of the witnesses — But I was pleased to find that the appearance of the Shop gave no positive indications of its being what I suspected — I therefore hope that the men who were called upon to testify the truth the whole truth & nothing but the truth did not commit perjury to screen an individual from the penalty of the laws which he had violated (and hope) I therefore apologised for the unfounded complaint which I made against him, as having induced by a misapprehension which I was very glad to have proved such — from this shop I attempted to enter the Shop of Hiram Haskell who was reputed to be in the same unlawful business but here I was met by Haskel at the door who stopped the Passage and refused me admission I made a slight effort, but finding the opposition something more than a feint

I desisted and stopped by the door from which I could see enough to satisfy me as to the reason which induced them to keep me out — I then took the names as far as I could by my own knowledge & the information from themselves & others of those who were there in the Shop and after some conversation with the by-standers which soon became pretty numerous from my havg stopped as I suppose the current of rum drinkers which was setting towards this point — I left them, to call on some others of the Town Comm. for enforcg the penalty for violatition of the Laws relating to the sale of Ardent Spirits and to prompt them to call at the places in their several districts to warn the keepers of the consequences to themselves of continuing in the nefarious business — afterwards devoted myself with little exception to the different departments of my private concerns — made trial of a horse owned by Mr Cave from New York State to replace ~~Mary~~ my Gig horse which is so badly diseased as to make him of no value & I have therefore sent him or given him away to Gray — to be turned out on his brothers Farm in Tiverton or Little Compton, and if he should live and be worth any thing to him, he is give me what he may think right

the horse of Case's did not please me & therefore I relinquished all idea of buying him - after my late supper I repaired to the observatory to take care of the Children who were there to see the fireworks let off from the Academy yard in honor of the Day - Walter Mitchell spent the day here with our little folks - Mary attended the Infant School celebration which was large & was addressed by the Rev. Mr Burr

1st day 5th attended meetings, visited the Jail with J R Shivericke, left some tem papers and extended our walk with Mr Bayliss westward and crossing my lots, returned by the Smiths-mill Road. leav. 12 Tem. papers by the way rest of the day at home, Eliza Drinker Sister Susan & Mr Prescott & Mr Stoddard called in the eveg

2d day 6th Occupied almost exclusively by my out of door business, had my mowing begun to day, cut down the two Easternmost of the "North Lots", walked twice to the mowg lots and rowed once to the Island, the ledgemen ordered for the mowg. season, the blasting therefore suspended - got home late to tea from the Ofe house

3d day 7th Occupied through the day in attending to my haymakers. walk me &

went to the F.K. before breakfast & twice to the hay fields — took Mary Frank & little Sue . Ev. after a late supper at home. expect calls to Dr. Read. to attend Mary home —

4th day 8th. Occupied chiefly with my workmen or with reference to the work of the season. Of which Hay making is a prominent item; spent also some hours at the Islands to repair a breach in the cap sill of the loading dock. which detained me 2 hours after the dining hour — was twice at the North lots, assisting in the field towards night. & once at the West lots to see & advise my workmen Ev. after a late supper at home Sister Phebe & M. Mary at A. Robeson's to tea

5th day 9th. Attended the Mg. of the Board of Directors of the Institution for Savings and spent the remr. of the day principally at the Cg. house, Ev. at home after dark till which time my business hours are not over

6th day 10th. Occupied at the Cg. Room most of the day till dusk. Ev. at home. Sister Phebe had a severely ill turn to day, Cholera Morbus Dr Read was here twice and administered with apparent success, so that she seems now quite relieved from the symptoms of that alarming complaint & Our neighbor Dr. Spooner is dangerously sick with the same disorder

7th day 11th Spent the forenoon in see-
ing after my workmen, and assistg them
to Spread hay R.M. took the five younger Chil-
dren & 3 of the Girls who assist in the family to
see the fine Caravan of rare animals
— which detaind me till late, then went
to see after the workmen at house on 7th St.
which detained me till time to be at home as
we expected 3 of T. W. Morgan's Children &
several of our nieces — C. M. Morgan came
rather late in the evg —
1st day 12th Attended meeting A.M. at the
Lyceum and P.M. at the Brickhouse.
walked to the Jail and to my lots returng
by the Smith's Mill Road distributed abot
20 Copies of the "Tem Recorder" for April
before dinner — before tea walked with
Mr Cheritt, the two eldest boys & little Sue
to our little Charles' Grave, found the
verdure much changed by the dry weath-
er — watered the consecrated Spot —
after tea called with Mr Cheritt at Cousin
Jos. Rotch's to see & take leave of Jas. &
Emily Smith
2d day 13th Occupied about my Rope-
making business A.M. & P.M. superin-
tending some business at my house on
7th Street, and afterward at the
C.H. house, evg. at home
3d day 14th Went to the Hay field before break-
fast called at fathers and attended to
sundry objects of business A.M. — Spent

Most of the afternoon at the Cg. house. Evg. after a late supper, at home
4th day 15th. A considerable part of this day has been used in sundry incidental objects. viz. return to the Neg. to 7th St. Hse. my fathers' books stow'g away &c. Day spent a short time at the Cg. house, Evg. at home my parents Sister S & Eliz. P & Emily were here at tea &c & sister Sarah & bro. Chs. called in the evg.
5th day 16th. Spent the day principally in attending to my business at the wharf & Cg house, took tea at bro. William with ma Chewett, sister & Mary
6th day 17 — Occupied variously most of the forenoon, called at Chs. to see sister Lydia & Micah who with their daughter were here on their return from a visit to Rochester — they afterward called here and I spent the rem. of the day at the ~~day at the~~ Cg House. — Evg. after a late ~~meal~~, at home
7th day 18th. Engaged most of the day at the Cg. house & wharf gave some attention at different times to the work at the House on 7th. St Evg. after a very late supper at home
1st Day 19th — Walked to the jail & returned by the Smiths mills Road distributing tem. papers — attended meetings. Walked to Little Chs. Grave with Sister Phebe at the close of that in the

afternoon. after tea went with ma Chas. to Chs. to inquire after little Eliz.th who is quite ill with an affection of the lungs since yesterday, afterwards attended a meeting in Elm Street to hear Mr. Taylor of the Seamen's Church in Boston — rem.r of the day spent in looking over tracts & read. to one of my little boys &c
2.d day 20th Engaged principally in superintending my workmen at the wharf — P. H. House, and at the digging of the cellar of the Episcopal Church — and in C. H. House duties — bos at home
3.d day 21.st Spent the forenoon in attending to my wharf business &c
Jos. R. Bradlee dined with us and the afternoon was principally spent in walking with him and ma Chas. to in our town and on Cousin James Arnolds Garden, & in calling with Mr. B to see my father, — whose decayed faculties only permitted him to give a somewhat vague expression of pleasure & recognition at seeing him — Spent the rem.r of the afternoon at the C. H. house &c w.h called with J. A. Greene & Mr. Stoddard at my bro.r Wm.s to consult on the disorders at the Acad.y — & agreed to call a full mg. of the trustees at the Acady tomorrow at half past 9 A.M.

, after giving the requisite notices as req. of the Trustees. I devoted the rem. of the aft. in making some prepara-tion for the proposed meeting —
I attend at the Institution for Savings at the hour of meeting —
4th day 22d. This day has been almost wholly devoted to business relating to the Acad-emy — attend. the meeting of the Trustees called to consider the present state of insubordination of the Scholars, acting as secretary &c — the mg. adj. to 5 O'clk P.M. with a view of meeting the Scholars at the close of the School — but the omission to give the preceptor notice of such intention and the dismis-sion of the School a few minutes before the time designated defeated the plan — I then returned home and occupied my-self with recording the proceeds. of the meeting in the morning — Brother Andrews family with E. Eliz. Lee took tea with us —
5th day 23d. Attended to my own concerns before breakfast — was afterward at the Bank Directors mg. — and then till 10 Clk at the Academy as the Ct. of trus-tees to try offenders — P.M. cut thistles in the adjacent streets, and subsequent-ly engaged at cy. house duties — Reg. at home after calls. to see my parents

98 and get their commands for Fall River, where we expect to go in our way to the Glen where sister Phebe and Mary & Thos are invited to spend a few days — ma cher Sr Self & little Frank bearing them company on the going & to return in the afternoon
6th day 24 — Rose early and set off in fathers Carriage with ma cheri & sister Phebe and Mary Thomas Frank & Susan for the Glen breakfasted at the Pocasset House Fall River, and called to enquire after sister Lydia and family — the Governess & one of her girls very sick. arrived at the Glen about 1/2 6 all dined & walked till 4 1/2 PM when I & ma chere ~~[struck out]~~ set off on our return. called at M Ruggles. left FR 7 1/4 h. & ar. home 10 1/2 h. — all well
7th day 25 — Devoted the day to Of-house & wharf business — Evg after a late supper, at home
1st day 26th visited the Jail before breakfast in company with J. R. Shro-brick and distributed temperance papers there & along the Smith's Mills Road returning — were detained by the circumstance of a woman being found dead in M Kemptons lot — viz Roby Sweet an intemperate and abandoned character death from Exposure and a constitution worn out by

by bad habits — went to the wharf after breakfast to distribute papers at the boarding houses of my workmen & took a cold bath in the dock — attended meeting at the 1st Congl. Society's house & heard a good sermon from Mr. Dewey who is here on a visit — Ma chere Soeur & the children accompanied me — called after at Andrews — Sister Anna better — after dinner attended a summons as a juror on a Coroner's Inquest on the dead body before mentioned which detained me till the hour of meeting at Friends Society's house, whither I repaired Ma chere Soeur & the Children having again gone to Mr. Dewey's where was also an exhibition of improvement in singing of the Socy's Sabbath School Children — I after tea called at the Jail to make interest with Mr. Bayliss to take into his family again the daughter of the old woman who left him about one week since to follow the evil example of her degraded mother & her own former vile habits — in the hope that she might yet be saved in that way by the solemn warning which she has in her mother's fate — Called also to see James Arnold on business connected with the Acady. — Evening of the w.f. at home Ma sister called

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2d day 27th Attended to family wants and to my workmen before breakfast—forenoon attended a mtg. of the trustees at the Academy. P.M. at the C. house, and eveg. after a late supper at home till summoned by an alarm of fire abroad—which was occasioned by the burning of Saml. Borden's 2 barns near the bridge at Fairhaven, repaired thither and assisted at the extinguishment which however was not till the barns & their contents were about destroyed, the frame of one being left standing but burned to charcoal the other fell and was smoking with its contents in a smouldering heap—the Engines from this side of the river were of essential service in limiting the conflagration to the two barns aforesaid—the Academy being in imminent danger—

3d day 28th Attended to my C. house & wharf business till P.M. rode twice to my north & west lots to superintend or direct my workmen—viz the Carpenters who are repairing and enlarging the house at the latter & the men who were grubbing & ditching at the former—returned to a late supper, as usual—Sister Phebe and our children Mary & Thos. returned in the stage

from the Glen in good health and much pleased with their visit — called after tea at my brother Williams and after being there a few minutes some of the family perceived fire in the barn of the adjacent house — the alarm was soon given and the engines were speedily at the spot but some delay attended procuring water the Cistern near the Friends m.g. house being unfortunately defective and empty — the flames spread with great rapidity and enveloped the roof of the adjoining shed and my bro. Wm's barn, and caught the end & roof of the house at the corner occupied by Asa Lawton — when however the requisite arrangements were made the fire was soon arrested and the two barns & shed only were destroyed — the house injured by fire & more by water —
It was first got under about ½ past 10. O'clk — I remained on the ground till about half past one when the remaining brands & timber were nearly extinguished — Our nieces Anna & Alice Smith or of them were at our house for the night theirs being completely disordered by the carrying out & bring'g in the furniture — except in one or two rooms — Had the fire occurred 2 hours later it would have been very serious

4th day 29th Spent most of the forenoon in relation to the premises injured by the fire last wk. The loss was on the whole not very heavy - one of the barns being of little or no value, and the other quite small - they both belonged to my father - the furniture has been all restored to my bro. Wm. house with bu very little injury - the occupants of the other house sustained more loss in the moving of their goods. - P.M. at the C. house, called in the wk. at bro. Wm where things appear quite comfortable again - Alfred & Ellen spent much of the day here the latter remaining also at night

5th day 30th Spent the day principally at the C. house and wharf - &c. after a late supper, as usual, at home Jos. Smith of Providence called to receive a deed of a lot of land mortgaged by him to David Anthony for a debt due to me in the yr or 1829. Our neighbor Th. A. Greene called as Justice of the Peace on the occasion - two of our female assistants with Frank Sue & dear little Ellen made a visit to our former Child's nurse Clarissa in Fairhaven (about 4 miles) this afternoon, they returned much pleased a little after sunset -

6th day 31st. Engaged all at home & at the wharf &c. Pill. rode with ma Chenutt and little Ellen, Mary & Frank to the head of the river on business, afterwards at the C.J. House &c till eveg. when I attended a mg. of the New Bedford Port Socy. for the Moral improvement of Seamen — which detained me from tea though Mother & Father were at our house —

7th day 8mo 1. Occupied at the C.J. hse, wharf &c with little intermission, attended a mg. of the Tem. Comn. which was adjourned on acct. of the small number present

1st day 2. Walked to the jail and my lots returng. by the Smith Mills Road distributing tracts, with J.R. Shiverick attend meetings at Friends House and accompanied ma Chenutt in a walk to little Charlie Grave. In the eveg Oliver Prescott & T.A. Greene called

2. day 3d — Spent the day principally in attending to business at the C.J. house & whf called in the evg. at bro. Wms to attend our Mary home she having dined &c there — Dr Read called in relation to our Childrens Singing School

3. day 4th Occupied at the C.J. House most of the day. went to the house which I have been repairing to show it to some persons who had a view to hiring a part — went

also twice to the jail with the expectation of meeting there my colleague was in the overseer ship of the House of Correction, but they were prevented from attending — Evg. at home at a late supper as usual —

4th day 5th. Engaged most of the day at the C. house &c, some time at home writg an article on the tem.ce question, after dinner. rem.r of the day at the C. house Evg at home, our nephew Wm Robeson called

5th day 6th Spent the day at the C. house, &c — called twice at brother Benjamin's who is lately returned from Boston to see him & also to enquire after sister Lydia's family at Fall River, sister S having been there since yesterday returning this way — Mary Newell continues very critically ill, little Mary is also ill with quinsie & their cook with Scarlet fever — — Evg. at home Mr Stoddard called — Our little Susan was quite unwell last night so as to keep her mother & myself awake most of the time — pain in the head nausea & feverish throat sore with some cough — better today

6th day 7th Little Sue had a pretty good night — but she has been poorly all day the Dr was called at 1 — & again this afternoon or evg — he thinks it

a case of Scarlet fever — The weather to day has been stormy with much rain wind N.E. — I have been occupied at at the C.J. house, Evg. at a Mg. of the Tem. Com^ee —

7th day 8th — Spent the morn^g from before sunrise to 6 o'Clk in observing the calls at a grog shop in the north part of the Town — and in convers^g on the subject of temp^ce with those whom I met at the place of observation — gave some atten— to the subject with a view of bringing this case & another before the Police Court but was prevented by the engagements of the Judge — the rest of the day devoted to my C.J. house business, took the two elder boys & one of their playmates to bathe about sunset, Evg. at home — our little Sue seems rather better to day

1st day 9th Went to the Jail and round by my Dartmouth lots to distribute tem— papers & tracts, attended meg. this at the Mariners Church & M at Frds. House A. Arnold called towards evg — I attended her home & stopped an hour with my cousin James —

2^d day 10th Spent the day in attention to C.J. house business, Evg. at home — our Son Edmund, in attempting to ride with— out having had any practice or instruction of consequence, without any person with

to caution and protect him ~~from the~~ against the frolicksome acts of his playmates was thrown from the horse and considerably hurt. one wound in the head bled considerably he was thrown near his uncle Chs and taken into the house by Dr. Read and had his head bound up - he walked home with our man who was sent to look for him, though apparently not much injured he has been in a good deal of distress part of the evg. so that Dr. R was called in to see him, I hope it will be a lesson that he will profit by and teach him a regard to the wishes of his parents is no less his interest than his duty — Little Sue is better and set up part of the day

3d. day 11th. Attended ~~to~~ business at the Cy. house before breakfast, forenoon spent in riding into the E. part of Rochester to see a room for Inmates of the J. S - took with me Caroline & little Ellen P.M at Cy house & so evg. at home after late supper Amsa Rodman spent the evg. & took tea here — Ed. had a good night after sundry applications, and throwing off the contents of his ~~stomach~~, he has also been comfortable to day — Dr. Read called to see him twice & his Aunt Sarah (who saw the accident) & sister E. called

4th day 12 — Devoted the day principally to Cy. House duties, Evg. at home — Occupied ½ of the afternoon on the Academy records &c.

5th day 13 Morning at the Cy. house or in Cy. house business at home, Forenoon at the Academy at a Mtg. of the Trustees, Afternoon at the Cy. house, & Evg. at home

6th day 14 — Attended to business at the County house except an hour after dinner occupied in a ride to the West and North Lots with 3 of the Children — Evg. at home — Mr. Stoddard called on the eve of leavg. Town to pass the vacation —

7th day 15 Engaged at the Cy. house the principal part of the day, took my Sons to bathe and teach them to swim after dinner. Evg at home.

1st day 16th Attended meetings. called at Father And[illegible] & Charles. and went with Ma chen H on an errand of Charity to an indigent family. Evg

2d day 17th Engaged most of the day in Cy. house business — Evg. at home bro. Benjn. & family with us at tea including E. & H Morgan

3d day 18 Gave some attention to social duties & the remr. of my time & most of the day to business of the Cy house. Ma chen H took Joshua & Eliza Clibborn to ride and they with Benjn & Wm Rotch were with us.

at tea

4th day 19th. Spent the Morning at the Cg house, rode in the forenoon with little Frank and Sue to my farming lots to observe the progress of my crops and to see after the mechanics who have been for some time employed in altering and repairing the house at the well — Spent half of the afternoon at the Acady to devise the proper alterations for accommodating the Girls' School on the new plan to be opened by Mr. David Mack and his wife — took the boys to swim — and devoted the rem. of the day to Cg. house duties &c. — Evg at home

5th. day 20th. Engaged most of the day in Cg. house duties — gave the boys a lesson in swimming, Evg. at home, sister E took tea with the family —

6th day 21st. At the Cg. Hse before breakfast rode into the Country on business A M — took Thos & Susan & Cumbleine & little Ellen — P.M at the Cg. house, Evg at home — Mrs Robeson ~~took~~ took tea with us — Dr. Read called to Edd. who had severe pain in the eye from the juice of the seed vessel of the

7th day 22 Spent the day in attending to Cg-house duties &c Evg. at home our little Mary had Mary S. Rotch & Caroline Fleming ~~&~~ and Joanna Rotch to visit her, — Benj.n & Eliz.th Rotch called

in the Evg. to take the latter home —
1st Day 23 — Attended Meetg. at Grace Church with Ma[?] Chm[?] & Edw. Mol. & Frank, and heard from a stranger a good Sermon from the text — why stand you here idle — attended our own Mg. in the afternoon. Wm. Roberson Eliz. Rotch & Sister Sarah called — I accompanied the latter home about dusk & made a short call — rem. of the evg. at home
2d. day 24th. Took the 3 boys & their friend Walter to give them a lesson in swimming and devoted the rem. of the day to C. H. home duties &c, called in the evg. at Andw's to attend little Mary home, who took tea there with some other little friends
3d. day 25th Took the boys to swim and passed the rest of the day in attending to C. H. house business Evg. at Chs. to tea with our whole family — visit interrupted by the severe & sudden illness of one of their female assistants.
4th. Da. 26 — Spent the day at the C. H. house &c except an hour after dinner at the funeral of Philip Cannon & about the same length of time giving my sons a lesson in swimming — Evg. at home — sister P. has a bad cold —
5th. Day 27th. Busily engaged through the day and evg. in endeavoring to prepare to return some acco. recd. from St. John by an Officer of one of E. L. Stewarts ships, who

sets off for that place tomorrow, but the task was too great, and is not accomplished. mother father & sister E took tea with us — father becomes more and more helpless and decrepid — his mental powers even more impaired than his physical —
6th day 28th Pursued with as much diligence as my other engagements wd permit the job I was upon yesterday and another whole day must be given to its accomplishment — made an errand to the Isle of Marsh, and took tea took at Andw's where ma church & the 3 elder children were also
7th day 29th Attended to business at the the Of. house most of the day, gave some time to the workmen who are painting the Academy and took my sons as usual for the last two weeks, with two of their cousins to swim — Edmund begins to swim with some confidence and ease Thomas, also can support himself for a few yards —
1st day 30th Walked after breakfast to distribute ten papers at the Jail & on the Smith's Mills road attended Meetings, called at uncle Wm to see Mo. & Susan Rotch, saw also there Chs & Eliz. Smith called at Geo Howlands, and in the evg. at mothers to take leave of sister Susan & Eliza who go tomorrow to Boston

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2^d day 31st Attended the Mtg. of Bank Directors, and except taking my sons to practice in swimming, devoted myself to C.y House business. Evg. at home

3^d day Jany 1 — Engaged at the C.y house through the day, gave Ed.^d & Frank a lesson in swimming Mo.^r prevented from sharing in it by a cold — Evg. at the Annual Mtg. of the Fem. Socy. which was too small for the occasion —

4th day 2^d Rode a couple of miles into the country on business after breakfast and gave Ed & Walter Mitchell a lesson in swimming in the afternoon and devoted the remd.^r of the day to business at the C.y house & wharf &c

5th day 3^d Devoted the day to C.y house duties except an hour in the afternoon occupied in giving the boys a lesson in swimming — Evg. at home

6th day ~~4th~~ 4th Engaged through the day at the wharf & C.y house, Evg. at home took Mo.^r & Frank to swim P.M. — Ed.^d unwell with a threatening of a billious attack

7th day ~~5~~ 5th Attended to C.y house business before breakfast, and again for an hour after dinner, the day being occupied in a jaunt to Horseneck, with mother H & the children except Ellen & sister Eliza had a delightful weather and a very pleasant day. — Evg. at home

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1st day 6th. Attended Meetings called on Mr. & Mrs. Mack recently returned to town after their marriage to open a female School in the Academy to morrow — and devoted the rem. of the day to read. writg &c — Wm Roperson called —
2d. day 7th. Occupied at the Cy house most of the day, evg. writg at home
3d. day 8th. Spent the day at Cy. house duties — evg. at a meetg. of a comm. of the Poor Socty. Mr. Stoddard spent the latter part of it with us —
4th. day 9th. Engaged through the day in Cy. house duties — evg at home —
5th day 10th. Occupied all day at the Cy. house, evg. at Andrews to see Dr. Moore from Philadelphia — Lydia Greene took tea with us a cheerful & Sister E & Mr. & Mrs. Mack called to see her in the evg. Sister Phebe took tea at Andrews —
6th day 11th Occupied all day at the Cy house evg at a meetg. of the Temp. Comm. R. I. Paine & J. Rodman called
7th day 12th Spent the morning and a considerable part of the forenoon in duties connected with the temperance question. the remainder of the day was spent at the County house, evg. after tea at brother William — where was Dr. Moore of Phila. — Uncle & Aunt Rotch

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Thos. Robinson of Vermont formerly of New-port — mother & sister Eliza

1st day 13th Attended meeting with Ma Chuett & the Children at the Lyceum and heard a sermon from D. More — he with Grandmother Uncle Wm. & Thos. Robinson of Vermont & ~~brothers~~ Wm. & Andrew took tea with us —

2d. day 14th Engaged without much intermission at the C. house, but at home Miss Dow took tea with us also Thos. W. Morgan's little son Charles, and several of his cousins — Griffith called in the evg. —

3. ~~day~~ 15. Engaged at the C. house through the day. Evg. at a Mtg. of the Execve. board of Tem. Socy. — The weather so cool that we have had fire in the liby. to day as we had much of last week in the nursery —

4th day 16th This day has been used in makg. a jaunt to Taunton as a witness in an appealed case of infraction of the laws for restraining the sale of Ardent Spirits — set off about 5 AM & got home about 6 PM — afterward went to the C. house & returned to tea & passed the remr. of the evg. at home

5th day 17th Spent the day at the C. house Evg. at home — Wm. Robeson called on business —

6th day 18th Engaged at the C. house, evg. at home sister Eliza with us

114 7th day 19 – Devoted the day to business at the Cus house wharf lots &c – by ex-
tremes – sister P at Andrews – Ex
President John Quincy Adams arrived
in Town this afternoon from Woods
hole, with Ex Gov: Lincoln & P. C. Brooks
1st day 20th Attended meeting at the
unitarian church all day – A M to
see the Ex Prest. J. Q. Adams and P.C.
for me Chase & to see him, called
to Old introduced to him at his lodg-
ings where I saw also ~~P.C.~~ his Son;
Peter C. Brooks & Isaac Davis who were
of his party they came here in the Steam-
boat from Nantucket yesterday –
afterward I called at our neighbor's
Robert Smith's, to see the famy & par-
ticularly Miss Washburn, who is engaged
to be married to my nephew Thos. R Rob-
eson ~~but~~ there I saw also Judge Davis
of the Dist. Court of Masstts – Sparton
Davis of Plymouth whom I saw at
the Mansion House came with him
from the latter place – I called
also at fathers & A Robesons –
Mr Stoddard called here in
the eveg.
2d day 21st Except visiting the Jail
with the other Overseers I was occu-
pied through the day in superintending
the work at the wharf and repairs of
one of my Scows – At tea had the

company of Dr A Robeson with Thomas & his betrothed, Sybel Washburn Andrew Mather and Ann More — & Anna Rodman & Sister Eliza — A. More was quite unwell with a severe head ache and was obliged to leave early in the evg — Sister Anna accompanying her — Went with ma cherie to Hall to choose cloth for the winter clothes of our sons —
3rd day 22nd. Spent the day at the C. house & wharf — evg at home
4th day 23rd Engaged at the C. house through the day, evg at bro. William to tea with ma cherie & Mary —
5th day 24th. Devoted the day to business at the C. house evg at home had the company of D & M. Mack M. Stoddard Sister E. Sam & Ellen Emily & Griffith Morgan at tea
6th day 25 Engaged through the day at the C. house Evg. at home — David Pierce Examining regulating window weights blind fastening &c — A D Richmond repairing leak in cistern pipe to water Closet
7th day 26th Occupied at the wharf & countinghouse evg. at home — Woollen Carpet laid down to day in the Library
1st day 27th Attended meetings walked with ma cherie a mile out of town after dinner, and spent the rest of the day & evg at home. L Greene & E Mitchell Sister Sarah & Wm Rotch soon called

116 2d day 28th — Occupied all day at the Cy house & ves. at home — Sister Phebe & little Frank left us in the stage this morning for Newport & New York, Sister Rebecca & her Children of the Company
3d day 29th — At the Cy. House before breakfast. and had a Summons served upon me to attend at the Ct. of Cy. Comrs. for Plymouth Cy at Middleborough at Sampson's Inn at a hearing on another petition from Middleborough & others to discontinue that part of the New County Road from New Bedford which runs through Middleborough — Capt. Richd Williams was also Summoned and we set off together about ¼ past nine — reached there about 12 — But we were not called previous to the adjournment of the Ct. about 7 OClk — and were obliged to remain over night.
Judge Wood of Midd.h & Mr Hathaway for petitioners. Beals of for the Remonstrants amounting to number to 12 to 14 hundred
4th day 30th The hearing of the testimony of the petitioners was contind. till near noon, and soon after the commencement of the afternoon session Capt Wd & myself were called,

zeal our testimony, and as soon as was convenient thereafter we were on our way back and arrived at home soon after Sunset and had the satisfaction to find my treasures well — I was obliged to attend to some business at the Town Treasurers office which involved a conference with my brothers, which took up pretty much all of the evg.
5th Day 10mo 1. Spent the day in attention to C. house business &c — visited with ma chere H & children after dinner some marble Statuary now exhibiting here, took tea at C.W. Morgan's with ma chere H & the children except Ellen
6th Day 2d. Engaged most of the day at the C. House, evg. at a mg. of the Fem. Comee
7th day 3d. Spent the day in attending to business at the West lots, Country house & wharf evg at home
1st day 4th Attended meeting A.M. at the Lyceum P.M. at our Mg house, walked to the Jail and to my west lots after breakfast, otherwise the day was passed at home, Bro. Benjn. called in the evg. having ar. to day from Boston with his son Wm. for the latter to spend the vacation here

2d day 5th Engaged principally in attending to my wharf & C. H. house business, ev. at home — the Street Surveyor began to day to dig down the side of C. H. contiguous to my land to graduate it &c — Wm & Rodman & Emily & Isabella to tea with us —

3d day 6th Occupied through the day at the wharf & C H house, ev. at home

4th day 7th Occupied at the C. H. house & whf., and spent some time in the Street west of my house. where the graduation of it &c is going on, at my expense in the first instance. with the expectation of reimbursement by the Town. ev. at my wharf where the workmen were unloading a scow with a horse under my direction

5 day 8th Spent the day almost exclusively on my wharf directing my workmen & assisting at the operations. Mr. Stodd ard called in the ev. and afterward ma chr tt & self called at Andw. Chr a mothers, to the farm to take leave of Ann More who with Chs family take passage tomorrow for Philadelphia — our niece Ellen is here on a visit to Mary in the absence of her mother & sister.

6th day 9th Occupied most of the day at the C. H. House, had a call there from Isaac S Smith of Buffalo formerly of

this place and an intimate acquaintance of mine in boyhood — bro: Wm & his son Alfred with us at tea.
7th day 10 - Engaged through the day with my whf & Cy house business principally the former ws at home Wm L Rodman & Joanna Rotch with our children at tea —
1st day 11 Attended meetings and called at Andrews & Mothers. rem of the day & ws at home, Had the first view of Halley's Comet quite distinctly before the moon rose
2d day 12th Occupied by my wharf business through the day ws at home

3d day 13 — My business at the Island ~~[illegible]~~ to which I went twice, at the whf, Cy house & new lot, and street adjacent to my house engaged my attention through the day ws at home, — Wm J Roberson called
4th day 14 — Engaged at the whaif Isl. New lot & Cy House, ws at home Sister E with us at tea Mr & Mrs Mack & Mr Stoddard in the evg
5th day 15th Went to the Isle of Marsh before breakfast and made an excursion up the river to examine its shores with reference to getting small stones to lead the top of my whf wall, but did not

find any worth making an effort to obtain — returned & remained at the Ist. till noon, hav.g. lost my breakfast — engaged at the whf & Cg-house till night — after tea called with Ma Chew &c to see aunt Mary — she was at mothers and I called and waited upon her home —
6th day 16 Engaged AM principally in relation to business of the Hotel Whf Corpn — PM at home and at the whf. superintending the discharge of two of my scows — Evg. at home, bro: Wm hav.g. gone to his famy. in Phila — Alfred is here with his sister Ellen they only remg. at home — studied the constellations with the latter.
7th day 17th Spent the morning in preparing for and taking an excursion by water with Mary & Ellen & Alfred Edw. & Thomas on the river to the Isle of March &c — PM at the Cg-house Evg. at home — except going to attend the girls from their uncle Robesons
1st day 18th Attended meeting AM at the Mariners Church. Called to see aunt Mary with Thos & Edw. & walked with them to little Charles grave — PM at our Mg — Evg at home —
2d day 19th Engaged at the Cghouse throught the day, Evg at home, Wm Rodman dined & he & J. H. Drinker took tea with us

3d. day 20th. Spent the day principally at the C. house & wharf. One of my Scows loaded, filled & lost her load at the Island, and I made a visit thither in consequence. Evg. at home
4th day 21st. Forenoon at the C. house & afternoon at the Island, Evg partly at the C. house, our Cousins over the way spent the evg. with us there &c.
5th day 22d. Occupied most of the fore noon at the wharf in relation to the repairs of one of my Scows, P.M. at the C. house, Evg. at home — Our niece Ellen who has been pleasantly with us for a couple of weeks left us for her aunt Dinkers to day — She with our Children went to see the launch of a new Ship this morng. but were partially disappointed by getting at the place a minute too late to have a good view —
6th day 23d. The business at the lots & the repairing of my Scow has occupied much of my time to day some hours also at the C. house Evg. at Home — Joanna Tobey visited little Mary & took tea with us — Rodman called to attend her home
7th day 24th. Attended to re-setting some of my trees on County Street required by the graduation of the same & to my wharf & C. house business till late. Some of Evg. at home

1st day 25 10 mo — Attended Meeting the Children all being unwell remained at home, as did Ma Chen ++ Adle — I walked to the Jail & into the edge of Dartmouth to distribute the Tem. Records before breakfast, walked with Ma Chen ~~++~~ to the Grave yard at the Close of the afternoon Meeting. Last night ~~two~~ men ~~killed and one other badly~~ were badly wounded (one since dead) ~~at~~ in an affray at a house of ill fame in Dartmouth about 1 mile on the Smiths Mill Road — Mr. Stoddard of the Academy Called in the eve

2nd day 26 Attended at the Bank, and devoted the rem. of the day to C. house duties &c — Eve at home, sister E with us at tea. Mrs Robeson called

3rd day 27th Spent the forenoon at the C. house & visited Dr. Wm house in the afternoon with Ma Chen ++ and afterward spent some time at the C. house, Robert T. Paine drank tea with us and exhibited his Equatorial Telescope and gave ~~the~~ with it a very interesting view of the moon and Jupiter & the North Star & Castor — there being double Stars also distinguishable with my Telescope though less perfectly — I am however better satisfied with the quality of mine than I have been before — it being for the

first time used on the ground — the place of observation was near the N W corner of the house, and some of our neighbour Jas & Arnold R. Smiths & br. Andrews families with Jno. A. Howland were here to share the pleasure

4th day 28th. Occupied part of the forenoon about business connected with the House of Correction, went to the lot, and spent the rem. of the day at the C. house & wh.t ——— w.f at home except calling late in the w.f. to attend Mary from cousin Jas Arnolds

5th day 29th Visited the Jail with J. R. Shiverick, and devoted the rem. of the day principally to C. house duties w.f. at home Eliza Mitchell sister Eliza Walter & Ellen here at tea Mr Elliot called for a few minutes late in the w.f.

6th day 30th Spent the day at the C. house, principally, w.f. at home Mary had several of her cousins to visit her viz Anne Drinker Emily & Ellen — Griffetts called in the w.f to wait upon them home

7th day 31st. Attended to business at the C. house most of the day, walked out to the West lots, and after a late tea with Mr & Mrs Mack as our guests, I called on J. Rotch's to attend our Mary home

124 1st day 11 mo. 1 1835 — Attended meetings with the 4 Children Aided with the boys Pill - called to see Mother & passed the rest of the day with my family. Macken to quite unwell so as to be up but little to day — M. Stoddard & Prescott Called in the eve - for a short time. The Children read as usual —

2d day 2d. Occupied at the C.H. house & whf. most of the day preparing to occupy a South Room for the Winter attended a lecture on Phrenology in the eve - with Sister C who took tea with us.

3d day 3d. Walked to my different lots & visited the Jail, and attended to C.H. house & other duties — in the eve. attended the anniversary meeting of the Port Socy. which was very small, showing a want of interest in the welfare of a large and depressed Class of our fellow citizens, whose exertions perils and privations have raised our fair village from its rocky Site & gained for them the wealth in which many of them flourish. — But more exertion and Zeal on the part of the Officers of the Society it is hoped may yet awaken a more just perception in the minds of our fellow Townsmen of the wants of the Sailor and of the powerful Claim which his necessities constitute on their sympathy and efforts active endeavours to relieve them

4th day 4th. Spent the forenoon at my West Lots principally, observing & directing the workmen — Afternoon at the Of. house; Evg at home — Sister Elira took tea with us —
5th day 5th. Spent an hour in visiting my workmen at the lot, and devoted the remr. of the day principally at the Of. House, Evg at home.
6th day 6th. Walked to my West lots and employed myself otherwise principally in Count. house duties — Evg at home — Wm Robeson Called
7th day 7th. Business at the Of. house has principally engaged my time to day. We had anxiously expected the return of Sister Phebe & little Frank till the Steamboat Stage arrived, about 8 this evg., the late arrival made the interval of momentary expectation, which was quite intense with most of the famy. of long duration. We now hope to greet them to-morrow —
Evg at home —
1st Day 8th. Attended meetings and spent the remr. of the day & evg. at home — Sister Phebe & little Frank did not come in the Steamboat Stage to day as we expected — the unpromising appearance of the weather on yesterday having discouraged Wm & Chs. taking passage as they expected. — Bro. Andw. called as also did Benjamin who ret. yest. from Boston

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2d day 9th. Except during the time occupied in the exercise of the Elective franchise for State Officers. My engagements have principally confined me to the C.J. house, called at fathers. Eg at home

3. day 10th. — Gave attention to my business at the North lots and to C.J house duties — Brother Benjn dined with us — And we had the pleasure of welcoming home again Sister Phebe & little Frank in good health from their visit at New York. Eg at home

4th day 11th. Engaged at the C.J. house through the day, the weather very stormy. Eg at home, Dr. Stoddard & Wm Robeson called, & I afterwards went to see Charles & Sarah Morgan whom I had not seen since their return.

5th day 12th. Engaged generally at the C.J. house &c. — called in the evg at Dr. Williams.

6th day 13th. Spent the forenoon in directing an alteration of the cellar, to accommodate the Kitchen operations — in visiting my West lots & in attention to C.J house business. Afternoon spent at the Court house listening to a powerful plea by Webster in the case of Rider & Guardians

of the late Caleb Shepherd, spent some time at the C. house in the ev.g Called at Uncle William's to see cousin Thos from Phila

7th day 14th Spent the forenoon principally at the Ct. House to hear the plea of Ex Governor Davis counsel for Rider in the cause ment.d yesterday it was able and showed a skilful and able advocate — P.M. at the C. house when I rem.d most of the ev.g

1st day 15th Attended meetings and passed the rest of the day at home except returning with Sister Sarah who called towards ev.g

2d day 16th Attended the meet.g of Bank Directors and was afterwards engaged at the C. house till the ev.g was partly spent

3d day 17 A local inflammation of the right ear, induced by exposure for some time to a current of cold air while attending Court on 6th day last, making it necessary to avoid unnecessary exposure I spent the day almost exclusively at the C. house, riding each way after this morning. Dr. Reed applied 4 leaches this ev.g

4th day 18th Confined to the house to day on acc.t of the local inflammation mentioned in my note of yesterday, devoted the day to business connected with my books and acc.ts which I had brought from the Office

5th day 19th Still confined at home & occupied as yesterday, Brothers Benjn & Andw & Mr Stoddard called

6th day 20th Attended to business at the C. H. house, Eve at home —

7th day 21st Spent the day in attending to some domestic arrangements and ~~to the~~ duties of the C. House Eve at home, had Brother Eliza Rebecca & Anna Drinker. Bro: Benjn & Sister Susan to tea

1st day 22d attended meetings and called at A. Robeson's — walked before breakfast to deliver tracts. — Spent the rem. of the day: except going to the Store to deliver a trunk left by the owner at home — read &c &c

2d day 23d — Spent the day at the C. house, eve at home Mary then to sit up to night with Sybel Washburn who is very ill with Dysentary

3d day 24th Occupied through the day & Eve at the C. House, Sibyl Washburn continues very ill — Our nieces Anna & Ellen Rodman took tea with us —

4th day 25th Engaged at the C. house &c ~~through the day also in the eve~~ in the afternoon attended a meeting of the trustees of the Acady in the forenoon and ~~an~~ adjournment of the same from the Acady to the Office of

Mr Rotch Jr in the evg —

5th day 26th Occupied at the Cy. house through the day evg. at home Mr Stoddard called —

6th day 27th Spent the day in attendg. to business at the Cy. House &c — evg. at home — writing letters &c

7th day 28th Occupied with little intermission at the Cy. house through the day and evg —

1st day 29th Attended meetings, ~~[illegible]~~ and except an errand to the Jail spent the day at home — Eliza & Rebecca Drinker called — The weather continuing quite cold & likely to be still colder we had a fire made in the furnace the first time this season

2d day 30th Busily engaged through the day in settling a Oil many acct. of long stand'g — evg. also principally spent at the Cy. house, Sister Phebe lodges at A Robeson's to supply the absence to Martha of her mothers care & company who spends most of her time by night & day at R. S. Smith's nursing Sibyl Washburn who is ~~[illegible]~~ critically sick

3d day 12 mo 1 — Occupied as yesterday

4th day 2d — Day & evg. spent at the Cy. house — Dr Jackson arrived at ~~the~~ instance of Andrew's family from Boston and speaks encouragingly of S. Washburn's case —

5th day 3d. Engaged at the C. house as of late in endeavouring to make an adjustment of the Oil Stock accounts of the last 5 years which having been much neglected occasions great labor in regulating them now. — and it devolves on me to do this business and it is very important on many accounts that it should be done ~~that~~ and particulary with reference to my brother Benjn. affairs that it should be accomplished before the sitting or ~~rather~~ during the C.C.P. now at hand I give all the time that I can spare from the necessary refreshment of my physical powers & the indispensable claims of the family, to this object — M. J. day Levy,
6th day 4th Occupied as usual of late — Sister Rebecca R. Drinker took tea with us — L A Roberson called in the evg — all of whom I left to resume my C. house duties
7th day 5th Occupied as yesterday &c &c Brn. sisters Eliza L Emily, L Rodman & Chas Morgan were with us at tea — Hogs
1st day attended Meetings and spent the rest of the day at home read & writg &c with a view to a useful result to my-self & others — A Roberson & Wm. Prescott called in the evg
2d. day 7th Resumed again at an early hour my C house employment and continued there till late in the evg

3d. day 8th Occupied again at the C.J. house with little intermission from day light till near Midnight — the approach of the time of the sitting of the Ct. at which my brother Benjn. affairs may be enquired into makes this unremitting attention to settling the large joint Stocked necessary that the State of my fathers account with him may be known —
4th. day 9th. busily occupied as heretofore at the C.J. house through the day & eveg.
5th. day 10th. Occupied as of late through the day & eveg.
6th. day 11th. Engaged as of late, but took tea at Mothers who had a family Party and attended a meetg. of the Temce. Comee. in the eveg. before going to the C.J. house —
7th day 12th. Devoted part of the forenoon in business connected with the Port Socy. and attended in the afternoon a Town Meeting to decide on the question of licensing a Circus Company which was decided in a tumultuous manner in the affirmative by those who had possession of the Town Hall, many were at the house who could not get in — in the eveg. I was again at a Temce. meetg. & the time not thus occupied I was devoted to the Stock Accounts &c
1st. day 13th. Attended Meeting All at the Lyceum and at our own Mg. house in the afternoon At A Robesons ~~Hotel~~ & at Mothers till — and out about an hour in the

eve^g on business relative to temperance &c — Wm Stoddard Called —
2d day 14th. Spent the day & evg. principally at the C. H. House
3d day 15 — Spent the day at the C. H. house evg also —, — Called at Mothers and Andrew's — Our Nephew L. M. Rodman called in the evg
4th day 16th Spent the day at the C. H. house &c the weather excessively cold evg. at home —
5th day 17th C. H. House business engaged my attention much of the day & the fore part of the evg — the severity of the weather interrupted business to some extent — Weather moderate this evg — 3° — last evg — 9°
6th day 18th Spent the day at C. H. House duties ~~also~~ except an hour at Town Meeting to try again the Circus Question. Majority in favor 292 to 372. So the case must rest. a larger number being in favor of those demoralizing exhibitions — evg. at the C. H. House, Ma. Chas. H unwell
7th day 19 Devoted the day & evg principally to C. H. House engagements — Ma Chas H better but not below stairs
1st day 20th Attended meeting AM at the Lyceum P.M at the Bridge M. H. House. Called between meetings

and in the evg. to enquire after my father whose debility has so increased that he did not incline to get up yesterday — and he was up but about 2 hours to day — the last powers of life as well as the last rays of intelligence. seem nearly ~~extinguished~~ ———

2.d 21st Engaged as usual through the day and Evg. at the Cy. House, Called several times to see my father who has been rather less feeble to day, and sat up a couple of hours.

3d. day 22d. The Cy House has again been my place of occupation through the day & evg. — Called several times to see my father who is very feeble with considerable fever — Dr. Reed was called to attend him; it is not probable that he will live many days, and a quiet release from his present obscured intellectual state of existance would be esteemed a favor by all his friends — May a kind Providence accord the boon, and permit him to enter a state of higher & permanent enjoyment

4th. day 23d Occupied at the Cy. house through the day excepting the time spent at my fathers whose illness & fever continue unabated with a consequent decline of his feeble physical powers My brother William sat up with him last night he has taken no nourishment of consequence & medical prescriptions have failed to have

their accustomed action fever high and breathing laborious somewhat obstructed by phlegm as though the efforts of nature would soon cease — Jonathan Danforth of Acushnet was sent for to day and came this fornoon to assist in nursing him. w.f.— at fathers, who continues to fail. I with others will remain with him to night
5th day 24th My father had a distressing night, or apparently so from the difficulty of breathing, he was most of time in a stupor or dozing state. And his mind which has long since ceased to give the usual manifestations of its action by language may ~~not~~ have participated but slightly in the physical suffering, the difficulty of breathing was great — the power of medicine has failed of producing any effect, and he has been unequal to the effort of expectoration & of taking food or drinks since yesterday morning. My mother remained in the room all night sleeping however a few hours on the bed prepared for the nurse — All the mitigation of his distress which was within the power of his anxious children, — all of whom were present except my sister Lydia & bro. Benjamin who were not in town — could afford consisted in moistening occasionally his feverish lips; his pulsations were about 116 ℘. minute, he lie without motion except of his arms & hands which he moved occasionally sometimes to wipe the perspiration which was profuse from his

face or forehead. an involuntary motion of of the fingers & nerves of the hands had been observed for several days — Towards morning he breathed with rather less effort, and I left him soon after six to return to my family — I returned to him about ½ past 9 A.M. when there was less appearance of insensibility than through the night. he kept his eyes on his attendants, who when more particularly observed were my mother and myself with apparent consciousness and intelligence for some time. — his breathing was very laborious without however the rattling sound which was an attendant during most of the night. A messenger was despatched last night to inform my brother Benj, who was at Boston with his wife & daughter of my fathers situation, and the carriage was sent about daylight to Fall River to communicate the information to my sister Lydia and bring her & her husband here if circumstances would permit them to leave home. — About half past 10 A.M., the difficulty of respiration as indicated by obstruction in the trachea returned, and continued to increase till about 20 minutes past 12 at noon, when the efforts of nature ceased and life expired. Marked only by a slight movement of the limbs —

Thus has terminated the long and useful life of my honored Father — Since his severe illness of 1829 his vigorous intellect has been gradually obscured till within the last year

or two the faculty of Speech had almost en-
tirely failed him, and his physical Strength
had so much declined that he required much
attention in moving about. He rode frequently
when the weather was favorable, and was
always fond of the change it afforded in
his ~~then~~ seemingly monotonous life — the sweet-
ness ~~of~~ benignity of his ~~however~~ temper continued to the
last, and a smile of recognition and ex-
tension of the hand always greeted his Chil-
dren and friends ~~as~~ as they approached him —
— He took great pleasure in the company of his
grand Children of the younger class, would sit
them on his knee and evince much fondness for
them. My sister Lydia was found very ill
by the Messenger who went with the carriage
so that she could not come over to be pres-
ent on the interesting occasion — My brother
Benja. arrived about 7 o'clk in the evening —
— My fathers long life has thus peacefully
closed and he gathered to his rest like a shock
of Corn fully ripe — He has left a name
behind him which his decendants may
well emulate — possessed of a vigorous in-
tellect and much benevolence of disposition
with the strictest integrity, and industrious
habits he was highly respected throughout
his long career, his extensive business was
conducted with a prudence and caution, as
well as ability, which had it not been crown-
ed with the success which attended it, the
property of others could never have been

-jeopardized. like my Grandfather Rotch with whom he was long a Co-partner his maxim was never to extend his business on Credit — they might lose their own property and be poor, but they themselves would not ~~take~~ take the the risk, which they conceived immoral as well as unwise, of making others poor. They were therefore never dazzled with projects which their own ~~means~~ disposable means could not compass however promising of profit — Industry and economy with such an extension of their concerns as their prudence would warrant they held to be the only justifiable basis on which their fortunes if fortunes they should be permitted to accumulate should be reared. — It was therefore matter of concern and anxiety when he saw any of his children departing from the safe course which he had pursued and pursued with a success which satisfied his wishes, — and his apprehensions and dissatisfaction were expressed with that freedom which becomes the paternal relation. — But in the instance which occurred during the Continuance of his intellectual vigor, of the ruinous consequences which often wait on a different policy from that which governed his conduct, he stepped forth though at an advanced period of life, when release from effort would have been more congenial to his taste as well as more suitable to his years, and by an application of his resources, and a renewal of his characteristic industry, though

attended with many personal sacrifices and an anxiety ~~[illegible]~~ natural to his age & character, assumed the responsibility of the Whale Fishery from Havre under the superintendance of Jeremiah Winslow, and by the success which finally attended that enterprise restored his son's fallen credit and by generously restoring to him again without an adequate charge for the use his funds while thus employed, the concern which he had reluctantly assumed, but which had prospered remarkably in his hands, he ~~has~~ laid the sure foundation for that son's present affluence and his still golden prospects. In the other instance of pecuniary embarrassment in his family, which followed a departure from his counsel and example, with the ability to restore & retrieve, he had fortunately lost the power to feel the pain which the repetition of such an ~~[illegible]~~ occurrence would have given him.

My fathers benevolence of feeling together with his clear and just appreciation of moral worth made him always kind and considerate towards those in the humbler walks of life, and prone to render them personal service when opportunity offered and also pecuniary assistance when prudence would warrant it. Integrity he honored in all situations, and hence he was honored and esteemed by the numerous individuals of the

laboring classes with whom his long habits of business brought him in connection.— With these valuable qualities, ~~with~~ a directness and simplicity of character which despised all affectation he united a delicacy of sensibility which gave to his manners great urbanity, and secured him from giving unintentional or unnecessary pain to the feelings of any, in his social intercourse, or transgressing the limits of a scrupulous propriety of conduct, by an approach even to anything low vulgar or indelicate in word or act — He was ardent in his feelings and frank in expressing them, when it was proper to do so. True to his principles he was always ready to avow his convictions and reprobate wrong in any quarter. — He was too conscious of the dignity of virtue to compromise her cause, of course he never sought the good opinion of others by disguising his sentiments, or making any sacrifice to the vices or follies of others. He was nevertheless prudent in avoiding unnecessary collision of sentiment in his intercourse with mankind so that among those from whom he was obliged to withhold his approbation he probably had no personal enemies — He never sought popularity but he was highly respected and generally esteemed for his intelligence judgment and discretion. and if ~~the~~ public office had been an object of desire he

might doubtless have been gratified — but he had too just an estimate of this kind of distinction to see in it any attractions — but to aid his friends, and reconcile differences and heal disputes he was often appealed to, and generally acquitted himself if not to the satisfaction of all parties, in a manner to sustain in the opinion of disinterested observers his high reputation for judgment and discrimination — He was warmly attached to the principles of the Society of Friends, adhered to their peculiarities of dress & language, and acted as clerk of the Yearly Meeting as well as of the subordinate meetings of which he was a member for many years, and was highly esteemed throughout the Society till the difference of opinions which led to late Schism, began to prevail when he took side negatively rather than positively with the liberal party. He was consequently viewed with distrust by the other, and having lost the power to influence their proceedings in regard to the treatment of some of the young and ardent of the side he favored, which he thought were unwisely severe, to divest himself of all appearance of sanctioning their proceedings he resigned his right of membership in 18 And when the numerical preponderance of the self styled Orthodox party in this Quarter had excommunicated or other

wise silenced the other, and after a lapse of a few years, the small meeting was established at the "Lyceum", although his mental faculties were then much clouded he was a regular attendant as long as his friends thought his health was equal to to the exertion. and when in their opinion this ceased to be the case, it was with very clearly indicated reluctance that he relinquished ~~the~~ the custom, within the last year, ~~which~~ which he had followed from principle as well as habit during the more vigorous stages of his intellect.

He was a kind parent, deeply solicitous for the welfare of his children, and though the current of his feelings played not on the surface, as is sometimes the case in unreserved affability of manner, in his intercourse with them, none acquainted with him could doubt that it was deep & strong. In the conjugal relation as in all others he was highly exemplary, happy in his connection with my mother, a woman of superior mental and practical endowments, during a long period of fifty five years. and favored remarkably in other points of prosperity; though his path has not been unclouded by afflictive dispensations, nor its light unmellowed by that consciousness of dependence which is at the foundation of Religious feeling and pious trust. he has at last descended quietly and peacefully to the grave in the 83: year of his age, leaving

behind him an unsullied reputation, to participate, as we may humbly hope in the full fruition of the Celestial State. May his descendants cherish the remembrance of his virtues. and imitate his example, while they do all in their power to soothe the declining years of my mother in her bereavement —
All of the Children in town with several of the elder Grand Children were present at the closing Scene together my Aunt Mary Rotch & several of our other friends — I ~~staid~~ with Sister Sarah remained and dined with my mother & sister Eliza — I staid till towards evg — rendering such aid as circumstances required. and joined my own family at tea & rem. the evg —
6th day 25th Spent most of the day at Mothers. ~~and took tea there with Mary Ann~~ rem. of the day at home or in taking measures connected with the recent event — took our five elder Children to see the remains of their dear Grandfather, which is beautiful in feature and sweet in expression — death in this instance having nothing in it to give an unpleasing impression to any beholder. and it was therefore desirable that all the Children ~~to~~ but little Ellen should have an opportunity of being agreeably impressed with the unusual Exhibition.

7th day 26th — Remained at home most of the forenoon, and spent much of the afternoon in writing at home, — made several visits at mothers where I took tea with Ma chere &c — Several of her married children or her grand children are generally with her through the day & evg — besides Bay — who is there also at night

1st day 27th called at mothers before meeting, then I went to the meetg. at the Lyceum — where the time proposed for my fathers interment (to morrow at 2 O clk) was mentioned — Ma chere &c & self spent the afternoon with mother, and I returned after tea and spent the evg — in considering the order of the funeral procession —

2d day 28th — Spent the forenoon at mothers and after an early dinner returned with all the family to pay the last token of respect to the remains of my dec.d father — the collection was not very large, as no pains was taken to give general notice — and after a season of solemn quiet, ~~[illegible]~~ very congenial to the feelings of the relatives, the procession moved to the family burial ground where the relicts of mortality were deposited in their resting place. All the children & Grand children returned to mothers to tea — when all except the youngest spent the evg. — It was a serious time befitting the occasion, when the sympathy of

the assembled relatives was particularly excited towards our dear Mother in her bereavement — took leave about 9)
3.d day 29th called to see my Mother in the forenoon and in the afternoon returned to my Counting House occupations — and was again to see my Mother in the evg — The sense of her bereavement seems somewhat lightened from yesterday — our two oldest boys also returned to their studies at the Acady —
4th. day 30th — Spent an hour or more at Mothers this forenoon and called again in the evg — the rest of the day has been given to Cg. House duties —
5th day 31 — Called at Mothers in the forenoon and again in the evg, the rest of the day was devoted to Cg. House duties — Thus another year has passed with its vicissitudes realizing or disproving the hopes & fears of the anxious multitude that hailed its approach, and revealing its unanticipated variety of good & of seeming evil in its progress. — which has doubtless done much to chasten the vivid expectations of the young and the prosperous and sober the yet exaggerated hopes of a later age — while to the disciplined views of those in the meridian of manhood & womanhood it has added another leaf to their book of experience, and confirmed the conclusions of the past — in deeper-

ing the connections that time and its incidents afford the occasions for that self improvement and for those offices of social kindness which if wisely improved prepare & ripen the soul for its higher destinies beyond this earthly & passing scene. & happy are those who can look back on its various stages without regret for wasted opportunities or self reproach for having distorted messages of Mercy into occasions of sin — And those who have this sweet satisfaction know well that to an habitual and reverend watchfulness, and humble devotion to the manifestation of that Grace which was promised to as sufficient for all his occasions they owe the inestimable boon — May I, may mine and all with whom we are connected with increased steadiness of purpose give heed to our steps, if the coming year should be allotted us, that this glorious privilege may be ours at its close.

6th day 1 mo. 1. 1836 A new era in the short life of man as dawned, another mill stone as it has happily been termed on the road of time is reached. — and it is hailed with pleasure by most but particularly by the young, and the occasion is made a festival of the social & kindly feelings. a day dedicated to the purpose of being & making each other happy. those even who derive a pensive shade of reflection from the review of incidents which have

intervened between this and other similar epochs, and from the thought that the number of those which yet may be shared by them are few; — enjoy a reflected happiness from seeing others so exuberantly happy. This is particularly the case in families comprising children of different ages — Our little Groupe have had a delightful day — a holiday — mutual & rec. presents. the boys skating in sight from my store window and their two sisters with them sliding on the ice, has marked this to us as one of the happiest new years days that we have passed — "May the year now at hand as the day that is passed. — As the sun rose this morn in calm lustre arrayed, — So rise the new year by no grief overcast, — No turbulent storm of misfortune dismayed — On the splendor of noon no obscurity stole Save the dim flitting cloud that but [shaded] the day. So if sorrow must darken the months as they roll, Oh mild be their passage and passing them away. As the moonlight now slumbers o'er wood hill & plain, and in silence the winds & the waters repose. So may peace shed her beam on the year in its wane, So bright be its eve & So tranquil its close. — And when morn I see we no longer behold, When days months and years Lord we number

no more, — In the arms of thy mercy thy Servants enfolds; — Thyself to contemplate, thy name to adore!"
I called to see mother in the forenoon and again in the evg — we had the satisfaction of hearg favorable acct of sister Lydia by Andw who returned from Fall River the evg — with the exceptions stated and implied in the peculiar family character of the day — I have been assiduously employed day & evg. at the C.H. house

7th Day 1m 2d. Called to my mother in the forenoon and was with this exception and a few errands about town on the way to the C.H. house on which little Sue was my companion to see her brothers skate at the dock near my C.H. house, my time has been devoted either at home or there to C.H. house business through the day & evg — my daughter Mary & her cousin Ellen (who dined with us) made a visit to the boys on the ice in the afternoon, to sympathize and participate in their hibernal pleasures, at which I for a short time assisted, and my business neighbor George Howland whose little son was of the party, was tempted to give them a specimen of his youthful proficiency in that fine exercise, from which the frosts of 56 winters did not appear to have detracted much. So easy were his evolutions.

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1st day 3d Attended meeting AM at the Lyceum & PM at Spring St House, called in the evg. with my Chere H & the two elder children at mothers and spent the evg. At other times through the day principally occupied in completing some letters &c of importance for the mail —

2d day 4th Engaged assiduously from morning till late in the evg, in C. House duties, except a call at mothers and time for meals, then at tea was protracted for an hour by the company of our nieces Anna & Ellen & nephew Sam —

3d day 5th Called at mothers and devoted the remr. of the day to C. House duties, repairing thither before sunrise & returning thence late at night

4th day 6 — this day has been pass. as yesterday —

5th day 7th Occupied as yesterday, called at mothers and gave the forenoon principally to my Fathers business, attended the Mtg. of Bank Directors of which I am a ~~mem~~ one, and called on Capt. Jared Worth lately arrived in the Ship Maine relative to Capt. Wilson of the Ship Margaret Rait of St. John whom he saw at Table bay — when Capt. C arr. there he was very ill and exceedingly large — but was relieved in a day or two by medical treatment which caused him to get a a tape worm six hundred feet in length !!!

6th day 8th. Called at Mothers and devoted myself with out much other exception to CJ. house duties through the day & evg—
7th day 9th. Excepting a call at mothers I was occupied at the CJ. House through the day & evg— the weather being very stormy I did not come home to tea
1st day 10th. Attended meetings, and called at mothers, the violence of the N.E. storm rendering the position of one of my scows unsafe I spent a couple of hours in procuring men & seeing to her removal — W. A Greene called in the evg—
2d day 11th Attended at the Board of Bank Directors called to see mother and devoted myself otherwise to the duties of the CJ. House morning & evg—
3d day 12 Engaged in CJ house duties through the day & evg— called to see mother
4th day 13th Assiduously engaged through the day & evg. on the Stock accounts to get the amt. by which my bro. Rs amt. wd. be affected by them with a view to the legal judgment obtained in the suit instituted two years since in behalf my father. completed the object though informally about midnight
5th day Called at mothers and devoted the day & evg principally to CJ. house business—

6th day 15th Occupied as yesterday day & evg

7th day 16th Still assiduously occupied at the C. house most of the day & evg — called at mothers

1st day 17th Attended Mg called in the evg to see mother and remained otherwise at home — bro. Benjn who arrived this forenoon from Boston spent the latter part of the evg with us

2d day 18th Attended at the Board of Bank Directors, called to see mother and spent the day & most of the evg. at the Cy house, called at A Robersons late in the evg

3d day 19th Rode with ma chere & and little Ellen a short distance in the sleigh which the little darling enjoyed much. — Called afterward at mothers, and devoted the remaing business hours to C. house duties & to readg. at home — our children had their younger cousins to visit them in commemoration of the birth days (yesterday) of Ed & Mary who have completed their twelfth year — Mr. Stoddard & Miss Dorr also gave us their company and A. Roberson Jr. in the evg —

4th day engaged in C. house duties, through the day & evg — Ship Maria, Hedge, ard. from a voyage in the Atlantic Ocean

absent about 18 mos — yet. brot in about 400 — called at mothers
5th day 21 Occupied at the C.J. house in the the day — took tea & spent the evg. at brot. Wm with mother H., & Aunt Mary & Mary Gifford
6th. 22 Engaged in C.J. house duties, day & evg — called at mothers —
7th day 23. Occupied at the C.J. house in both day & evg —
1st day 24 Attended meetings, and called in the evg. with ma Chee H to see mother otherwise except g. a short walk to the Scite of Wm's new house, at home
2d day 25th Occupied at the C.J. house throught the day evg, also there
3d day, 26th Except a call at mothers I have spent the day at the C.J. house, evgs also there the Pascal, Chase from the Pacific Ocean arr. to day with 2300 bls
4th day spent the day & evg. at the C.J. house called at mothers
5th day 28th occupied with C.J. house duties throught the day, most of which was there at A Robesons office. Evg. took tea & with ma, Chee H & sister Phebe at Eliza Drinker's
6th day 29th. Occupied at the C.J. House through the day & evg. except callg. at mothers and attendg. a meeting of the Executive Board of the Port Society

7th day 20th — C[ounting] house duties claimed my attention through most of the day & ev[enin]g, finished the 3d of the 4 large stock accounts which have taken up so much of my time, from the very unmercantile manner in which the acc[oun]ts of one of the partners were kept — called at mothers

1st day 31 — Attended meetings the weather rainy so that I was accompanied in the morning only by my 3 sons — called at mothers in the afternoon and spent the rem[ainder] of the day & ev[enin]g at home — M[aria?] Chew [?] afflicted again with rheumatism in her neck & shoulders —

2d day 1st Attended the m[eetin]g of Bank Directors and except a call at mothers devoted the day & ev[enin]g to C[ounting] House duties —

3d day 2d — called at mothers and spent the rest of the day & the ev[enin]g at the C[ounting] house the weather very cold — 1 — above zero

4th day 3d Occupied with C[ounting] house duties through the day & ev[enin]g called at Mothers

5th day attend the m[eetin]g of Bank Directors and devoted the day to C[ounting] house occupations, a slight bruise & rupture of the skin over the large tendon near the heel, having become inflamed by action & cold disables me for walking, and the weather being snowy I remained at the C[ounting] house and took my

Quine. then — returned at 10: with my with a prospect of being confined for several days —
6th day 5 — At home, confined by the lameness consequent on the injury referred to yesterday — 7th day 6th Rode to my Uncle Wm Rotch Jr Office to attend the annual Mg of the Wharf Comp'y P.M. — otherwise at home —
1st day 7th — At home all day with my leg on the Sofa. Mr Stoddard & A Robeson called, —
2 day 8th Still confined to the Sofa most of the day, called Dr Read to see the wound at — Even'g — He was called last week to see Sophia Kersley and I believe made 3 visits — She is now well enough to be about as usual —
3d day 9th Still at home, occupied in reading the back newspapers which I had not time to read in course
4th day 10th: Still at home & engaged as yesterday. — Aunt Mary called to see us & Sister Anna in the afternoon.
5th day 11th Still at home and occupied with the papers which I have about gone through with, — a large number, to be now transferred to the Sailors' Reading Room, Somewhat unwell with pain in the head, occasioned probably by lack of Exercise for the past 10 days — & susceptibility to "cold" thus induced though

though few houses in the Country have equal advantages for securing ~~the~~ the desirable temperature for health & comfort at this cold season. Sister Phebe quite unwell

6th day 12th At home. employed in reading &c

7th day 13th — Still confined — my heel improving but not very rapidly — Dr. Read called, having been absent from Town (on J.Y. to Newburyport) when I sent for his instructions a few days since, my foot not now requiring his attention — He informed us that our neighbor Abm. Russell had had a fall to day which rendered him perfectly helpless, and unable to move ~~his~~ one of his legs — though they could not discover that the hip was dislocated or the bone fractured — Anna Rodman drank tea with us

1st day 14th The weather being unpleasant Sister P. quite unwell with a cold Myself lame & ma chere without an escort — She & the Children remained with us at home through the day

2nd day 15th Once more able to be out I rode to the Bank, and sundry other places on business and finally to the Cy house where I remained till ½ past having my dinner bro't to me there — do not find that my foot has suffered by the exposure. Edmund is unwell with "mumps"

3d day 16th. Spent the forenoon at the C. H. House, called at Mothers, and in the afternoon attended there with bro. William and Sisters Anna & Sarah, to Consult with Mother & Eliza in relation to the settlement of Fathers Estate. Eveg. at home. Edd. appears to have the disease favorably, and Thos. has confined himself for two days with the belief that he too had contracted the disorder, but the fact is not yet certain & rather doubtful, a slight affection of a small gland near the throat being the only indication —
4th day 17th. Attended to business at the C. H. house through the day riding to & from. Called also a few minutes at Charles. Eveg. at home
5th day 18th. Attended the meeting of Bank Directors, and spent the rest of the day at the C. H. house, Eveg at home —
6th day 19th. Attended to business at the C. H. house. Eveg. at home, Eveg at home
7th. Occupied at the C. H. House through the day. Eveg. occupied in relation to the Ladies coming Fair
1st Day — Weather stormy — all remained at home — occupied principally in writing for the Fair
2. 3. 4th day Occupied in attending at the fair writing &c &c called at the C. H. House for a few ~~minutes~~ hours, also called at Mothers — But the Ladies Bazaar

interfered with most other engagements—It being designed in aid of the Port Society laid me under an obligation in addition to my personal regard for its success to do what I could to insure it

5th day—After finishing my duties following the Bazaar—by disposing of the Post Office Establishment of which I was the purchaser. I returned to my Counting house engagements—called at Mothers Even. at home—

6th day 26 attended to business at the C.J. house called at Mothers with a view to some understanding relative to my late fathers will but the absence of Sister Anna at Fall River in consequence of the increased illness of my sister Lydia prevented the way—Eve. at home

7th day 27th Occupied at the C.J. house through the day. eve. at home

1st day 28th Attended meetings and called at uncle Wm & bro Wm at their new house which they began to occupy last week—Eve. had a meetg. at Mothers in relation to fathers will—when an agreement was had in pursuance of the advice of Mr Sullivan as to the steps to be taken to satisfy the law and to make the distribution more equal than the will would do under the altered state, and altered circumstances of the family, since the will was written and during the last 5 years of

my fathers life when the impaired state of his mental faculties would not admit of his altering it — the preparation of a mem.° to be attached to & recorded with the will expressive of the intention of the re-si'duary legatees occupied me till quite late in the night, requiring also a peti-tionary call on judge Prescott that he might issue an order of notice at the session of the Probate Court on 3.day next at Taunton of the intention of prov.g the will at the next succeed.g session of the Court to be held in the 4th month at Dighton

2.d day 29th — attended early in the morn.g to taking a hasty copy of the will &c &c afterwards attended the mt.g of Bank Di-rectors — and then devoted the day at the C.g house to prepar.g copies of the instru-ments roughly taken in the m.g to send to Boston for further advice of Wm. Sullivan which with some attention to my own mer-cantile business detained me till late in the ev.g

3.d day 3.d m.o 1 — occupied with my Count.g house engagements which are the more pressing with reference to the new duties which I am to assume as executor of my fathers will — detained till some time after dark

4th day 2.d — Occupied with C.g house duties all day. ev.g with Machen[?] &c & those on

three elder children to a lecture on Astronomy by Mr. Wilbur — and afterward went to the C. house to finish a small job which the necessity of my leav[in]g. when I did to attend the lecture prevented my accomplishing. — our niece Ellen & her bro: Alfred took tea with us and accompanied us to the lecture —

5th day 3d. Devoted the day to Counting engagements principally — In the eveg went with ma chere H & children to the Astronomical lecture. Mr. W. is rather an indifferent lecturer and his apparatus for illustrations by Diagrams not in very good order — But the subject from its grandeur can scarcely be uninteresting in any hands —. Called at C W Morgan's after the lecture was over, but they had not returned from Fall River. where they & Sarah went today to see sister Lydia who is quite ill yet

6th day 4th. Engaged at the Counting house through the day, and in the eveg. attended another of Mr. Wilbur's lectures, which was upon the Stars and Comets, and very interesting — delivered with great fluency and with fewer occasions for contrast between the manner of the lecturer & the dignity of the subject than heretofore. — his remarks and illustrations are interspersed with fitting moral reflections which under his auspices in improving the heart as well as in enlighte[ning]

ening the understanding of his numerous hearers — Our children except the youngest made a visit at D^r. Read, the 3 elder leaving for the lecture & returning

7th Day 5th Attended to Counting house engagements through the day except the time required for making a formal call on the Rev. Joseph Angier & Geo B. Emerson with neither of whom I had other than an acquaintance by reputation &c — the former affianced to my Cousin Elizabeth Rotch & the latter for a couple of years the husband of my Cousin Mary, late Fleming — the latter I did not see as he was out — At tea &c we had Caroline Fleming little Frank Emerson Cornelia Grinnell and our nieces Eliz^th. Emily & Ellen — & Joanna Rotch with Rodman Rotch & Alfred Rodman late in the eve — they with ours made a romping groupe that made no small stir — in their amusements — Our little Frank could not join them as he has rather severe symptoms of Mumps —

1st Day 6th Attended meeting, and passed the rest of the day at home, principally in reading Abercrombie's "Man of Faith" which is a most beautiful, lucid and philosophical commentary on 2^d. Peter 1 chap. 5.6.7 verses and a finished portrait of a true christian from the incomparable outline of the inspired writer. I should have called to see brother

160 but for an expected call from Geo B & Mary Emerson which however we did not receive
2d. day 7th Attended the Mg. of Bank Directors and devoted the day afterwards to Counting house duties principally at 7 a Meeting of the Town Comm.ee for Suppressing the traffic in Ardent Spirits — and at 10 called at my bro: Wm to attend sister P & Mary home — little Frank still quit confined to his chair by his disease the Dr. saw him last wk.
3d day 8th. Called at Mothers and spent the business hours of the day at the C. house, evg at the 4th lecture of Mr. Wilbur with sister Phebe & the 3 children. — Mr Coleman gave our daughter Mary her first lesson on the Accordion
4th day 9th. devoted the day to C. House duties Evg. attended the 5th & last lecture of Mr. Wilbur — his illustrations of Physical Astronomy were I thought very successful. And I think his course a useful one, well adapted from its sublime subject and the moral reflections which he frequently throws before his his hearers to give an immense expansion to their range of thought and mental vision. - after the lecture Wm. H. Taylor called on me with reference to the Port Society & I accompanied him to our neighbor J A. Arnolds to make to him & the to his wife and through them to the ladies Branch of the Port Society some suggestions relative to the surplus funds arising from the Bazaar

5th day 10th — Spent the day at the C[ounting] house, evg. at home at tea had the compy. of bro. Wms. family and E Drinkers with the exception of Wm & Eliza — the former being prevented comg. by the rain storm which came on pretty severely in the evg. S.G. Morgan from E Drinkers was not here till after tea — Rebecca Drinker expects to leave for New York & Pennsylvania next week with my nephew Sam — who then leaves home for a jaunt to Washington prior to setting off for Europe in the 5th month —

6th day 11th. Attended to C. House business through the day. Evg. at a meeting of the Town Council for the suppression of the illegal traffic in ardent spirits — & after the mtg. which held till late I went to C.W. Morgan's to attend my wife & daughter home who took tea there with sister Anna & her daughter & Aunt Mary & her friend & companion Mary Gifford

7 day 12th. Attended to Counting house duties through the day. evg. at home

1st day 13th. Attended meetings, accompanied in the mtg. by little Frank & sister Phebe mor. the others of the family being more or less unwell Mar. Chen ++ with symptoms of erysipelas ~~2 day 13th~~ Called at mothers in the after-noon — evg. at home Mr. Stoddard called

2d day 13th. Attended the mtg. of Bank directors and devoted the rem. of the day to business at the Countg. House. Thomas

with a cold & symptoms of croup Dr. Read called to see him — Eveg. at home in cares incidental to the invalid state of the family. Ma Chen ?? much annoyed with her complaint

3rd day 15th — Attended to C.H. House duties through the day evg. at home. Sat up much of last night with Thos. who seems rather better to day — Evg. at home

4th day 16th. Engaged as usual at the C.H. house — Evg. at home Thos.'s cold is yet very oppressive attended with fever — Dr. Read bled him to day. Symptoms of croup occasionally apparent — His speaking voice very hoarse so that it is sometimes inaudible except as a whisper — Dr. Read called again in the Evg. — little Ellen has a cold & severe cough — Evg. at home except a call at J.R. Ledwick's on business connected with the Jail — Ma Chen ?? rather better of the erysipelas.

5th day 17 Spent the day prin'y at the C.H. house Evg. at home. Thomas has been very poorly this afternoon & evg. — fever consider-able and his voice scarcely audible except in a whisper — Dr. Read twice here to day ~~6th day 18th~~ little Ellen's cough pretty hard and her habit quite feverish — the symptoms of croup much abated in Thomas' case — Ellen has some tendency to this disease and is nursed accordingly

6th day — Each of the Children passed comparatively comfortable nights — and Thos. seems considerably better — Spent the forenoon in attending to business and to consideration connected with the Tem. Reform — P.M. at the Cy house but at home except calling at bro. Wm's to attend Mary home — Sisters Anne Sarah & Rebecca called — D. Reed twice
7th day 19th Attended to business at the Cy house, and attended a mtg. of the Exec. board of the Post Society in the ev. — little Ellen had an attack of Croup in the night which was for a while rather alarming — but she as well as Thos. are better to day — the latter having sat up some time — visited the House of Correction with J. R. Shivericke — about noon
1st day 20th Attended Meetings and devoted most of the day with this exception in reference to a report from the Overseers of the House of Correction to the Court of County commissioners. The Children rather better
2d. day 21st — Occupied assiduously through the day in writing the report or making inquiries at the H of Corn. — relative to the same — did not go to the Cy house at all — little Sue had symptoms of Croup which occasioned some disturbance to her mother and me — Mr. Stoddard called in the evg. but I could not leave

my writing as it required the Signature of one of Colleagues J. R. Shiverick. to have it ready for the Mail early in the Morning — A. Robeson also Called. and I saw him a few minutes in the dining room where I was writing he staid till the Ev. was spent with Maria Aunt Lydia & sister —

3d day 22d. — The croup seems to contagious or epidemic in our family — little Frank — had an attack towards morning — the others are better Sister Phebe has a severe cold induced by her assiduous nursing the invalid Children &c I spent the day principally at the C. House

4th day 23d. Engaged in C. House duties — the Children occasioned but little disturbance, other than from anxiety from the expectation of a return of Croup to Frank. he passed a pretty comfortable night — Mary now detained from School by a cold — Ev. as usual at home. called at Brothers yesterday & also to day

5th day 24th This day I am 44 years old and am at the Meridian of my life as to intellectual & moral power — however little my actual attainments, achievements or habits of thought and action may correspond with such an epoch — Impressive then should be the duty to make the most by a wise improvement of the few or many fleeting moments that remain — to confirm those dispositions temper and habits which have the best influence on character and on my own happiness and that of those with whom my allotment is associated, in the most enlarged as well as in the more common

acceptation of the term, in other words to produce a conformity as far as may be with the beautiful and sublime attributes of our divine religion — May that heavenly grace which is no less essential than freely offered to our sincere desires, be sought with persevering and continuous earnestness to succour my many infirmities and enable me more successfully than heretofore to withstand those ever present and powerful influences which attach us to earth and counteract the high aspirations of the soul which assure us that this world with all its concomitants, pleasure and pain joy and sorrow hope & disappointment is mainly important as a state of discipline & preparation to the soul. With reference to its future & immortal destiny — I spent the day in attention to Cy. house duties — little Frank had rather a poor night — symptoms of croup at some times pretty severe, or at least so much so as to make assiduous care essential —

6th. Day 25th. Engaged in Cy house duties through the day, was at home. Our children continue slowly to improve. but one of our domestics Sophia — is on the sick list — which throws additional care & duty on ma chere H & sister &c

7th. Day 26th. Spent most of the morning at home or in business relating to A Wiggins family — he having sailed sailed on a voyage they depend on me to supply their wants — Ptd at the Cy. House. was at home

1st day 27th Attended Meetings and spent
the remr. of the day in reading &c &c with
my family, except going to the Jail with
some tracts in the M.g & walking to my
Dartmouth lots towards eveg. — Anna Arnold
Albert Barney & E Drinker called to see us
eveg. at home the children or such of them
whose voices were not too much affected
by colds read in the bible ~~&c &c~~
2d. day 28th Attended Town Meeting & voted
once only otherwise occupied at home, at
the C.y house &c, Eveg. at home — At the
Town Meeting rather a bad spirit in a
part of our population was evinced in
opposition to Candidates of known temp.ce
principles except our valuable Chairman
J.B. Congdon, his colleagues elected after
two trials being of less sound principles
— ~~Eveg. at home~~ 3d. day 29 — Occupied
in C.y house duties — eveg. at home called
at C.W. Morgans late in the eveg —
4th day 30th. Engaged at the C.y house through
the day, Eveg. at home
5th day 31st Occupied at the C.y House
most of the day eveg at home — Miss
Dorr took tea with us —
6th day 4 mo. 1 — Engaged most of the day
at the C.y House, eveg at home with ma-
chine H only — Sister P & the children took
at C.W. Morgans
7th day 2d. attended to business at the
Count.g house and in the eveg was

there also for an hour, afterward called at bro.r Ims's to attend my daughter Mary home she having spent several days with her Cousin Ellen —
1.st day attend meetings and was occupied most of the day otherwise in preparing for distribution a number of the Am. Recorders — called to see mother. W. Prescott called to see us in the eve.
2.d day 4th — My workmen at the wharf began work again to day for the season — I devoted myself to C. House Duties &c. at Ch. W. Morgans to tea with a few of their own friends —
3.d day 5th Engaged in Counting house duties through the day — had the comp.y of our neighbors. Sarah, Elizabeth & Anna Arnold to tea — sister Anna & Andrew spent the latter part of the eve with us —
4th Day 6th Occupied through most of the day at the Counting house. eve at home. E. Kemptons Carpenters took away the fence on the west side of our lot to prepare for building the bank wall rendered necessary by the graduation of County Street. there is considerable frost yet in the ground to impede the digging —

5th day 7th busily engaged through the day at the Counting house in endeavoring to find a small error which the trial balance of my ledger indicates — this operation preceding to my assuming the Executorship of my dec.d fathers Will, which is necessary to my full satisfaction ~~with the~~ in regard to the correctness of my private accounts has been in hand a few days by Jas. Thornton with such assistance from me as I could conveniently render is up to this time without full success — I also made the necessary preparation for going to Dighton tomorrow with ~~the~~ Jas. Thornton & Paul Barney the two surviving subscribers to my fathers will; who are in the Commonwealth.

6th day 8th After repairing to my wharf to prompt my workmen to an early attention to a job at the Isle of Marsh for which preparation had been made yesterday (which however through misjudgment they failed to give up which much time & expense was thrown away) I set off about 6 O'clk. for Dighton for the object mentioned in my note of yesterday — the two witnesses going in a Gig by themselves — breakfasted at Assonet, accomplished the business and ~~[illegible]~~ after dining at Dighton returned home where I ar.d between 4 & 5 O'clk — the others following soon aft.

I then repaired to the C.y House & made preparation for a re-posting of my acco[ts] for the last two years to find out the cause of the disagreement between the D.r & Cr. Columns of the Ledger —
7th day. Occupied at the C.y House in making a new sheet posting or ledger of my books, which with the assistance of J. T. was about 4/5[ths] accomplished, a great part of which was compared with the original postings, but without finding any explanation of the disagreement —
. 1st M day. Attended Meetings, and passed the rem.[r] of the day at home principally in read.[g] Abercrombie's Philosophy of the Moral Feelings —
2.[d] day 11th — Attended the M.g. of Bank Directors, and afterwards completed the re-posting of my accounts &c. &c. — P.M. attended part of the Town Meeting, at which large appropriations for the specific and incidental expenses of the town were made for prospective expenditure — though equitable claim which I have against the town for graduating the east side of C.y Street between Spring & Walnut procuring and laying the Curb Stones & procur.g the stones and paving the gutters, last autumn was, without questioning the merits of the claim indefinitely & unceremoniously, on the motion of Ayge Chaddock seconded by his colleague

the board of Selectmen, Jas. B. Congdon postponed — on the sophistical ground of its being a dangerous precedent, as though each case should not be decided on its own merits — afterward I repaired to the Cf. house to make a full comparison of the first & second postings of my accounts for the last two years, which resulted in the discovery of no error, but in detecting an omission in taking off the balances from the ledger, which being item being supplied to the balance sheet — produced the desired correspondence, and authorises full confidence in the correctness of my accounts — Evg. at home

3rd day 12th — Attended to Cf. house business through the day. Evg. at home

4th day 13th Spent this day &c as yesterday

5th day 14 — Cf House duties all day Evg. at home

6th 15th — Still Engaged without much intermission at the Cf. house where I stay till dark, which at this season leaves a short evg — after my return which is frequently not till the family have had their tea —

7th day 16th — Occupied yet at the Cf. house Evg. at home

1st day 17th Attended Meeting AM at our own Place of Worship PM at the S. Con. Mg. house — sermon by Mr. Roberts — afternoon

called at Lydia Russell's & mothers
2d. day 18th. Occupied at the C[ounting] house through the day lodge at home
3d. day 19th – Engaged as yesterday took tea with me[r]chew H & Mary at bro. Wms.
4th. day 20th. Occupied at the C[ounting] house most of the day lodg. at home, called to see Mr Paine the Astronomer from Boston but he had not returned from the Vineyard
5th day 21st Occupied at the C[ounting]. House P.M. with C.W. Morgan in taking an inventory of notes left by my dec'd father, had the Compy of J.A. Stoddard Prin'l of the Academy & his wife D. Mack & his wife Sam & Ann E. Rodman 3. Mary & Anna Drinker & Griffitts Morgan & R.T. Paine at tea
6th. day 22d – Attended a Mg. of the Trustees of Frds. Acady – the notification of which – & the subsequent recording of the doings and &c took up the whole of the forenoon. P.M. again occupied with C.W. Morgan with my fathers papers at the C[ounting] house – had the Compy of Aunt Mary, Eliza Drinker, Cht. & Sarah Morgan and J.H. D– to tea –
7th day 23 C[ounting]. house duties took up the day – lodg. at home –

1st day 24th — attended Mg. Hill at the Lyceum — P.M. at the Bethel & at the Jail bos. at the Episcopal, Called at Mothers and devoted the rem. of the day to read & &c — A little memoir of Boutelle of Plymouth was read audibly by me chiefly for the benefit of ourselves & the Children it is a most interesting exhibition of the sweet influence of religion on the youthful mind

2d day 25th. Occupied with carpenter & painter with some improvements or enlargement of the point g. conveniences — part of the day & with some bus. at home

3d day 26th the work at the Cy. house was done under this date instead of that of yesterday — Cy. house duties occupying the previous day &c —

4th day 27th — Much of the forenoon spent in arranging Cy house papers of last year &c P.M. in some little attentions about the house & yard — the re-form. of the grounds near Cy. Street consequent on the cutting down of 1st St. about finished — fences in process of whitewashing — of Yd. & garden generally. Shrubs replaced along fence on Cy. St. — rem. devoted to Cy. House duties — those relating to the office of Executor of my father's Will being the principal — at present

5th day 28th Spent the day at the Of. House in attention to the business of my father's Estate — evg. at home

6th day 29th Occupied as yesterday — evg at the Mg of the Bot Society Ex. board — My wharf workmen finishing their job about the street wall[?] &c. including wh.te washing the latter this morning —

7th day 30th Engaged as heretofore with my fathers Papers — evg. with mother & at Eliza Drinkers with some of the other members of the family —

1st day 5 m. 1 — attended meeting at our own house through the day — walked to the Grave Yard — and called at my mothers in relation to monumental Stones to mark the grave of my dec.d father — Spent the rem.r of the day at home. the children with their Aunt Phebe & myself planted in the nursery border — at the East side of the Garden seeds of the horse chestnut. button wood & Pine — Mr. Stoddard Called in the evg. relative to a preceptress for the Acady.

2d day 2d Attended to C. H. House duties having reference however to the Executorship. Eve. at home
3d day 3d Still engaged at the C. House &c Eve. at home —
4th day 4th Occupied at the C. house principally Eve at home
5th day 5th Engaged before breakfast at the C. House — Spent the forenoon & part of the afternoon in trimming my fruit trees &c rem. of the afternoon devoted to the operations of my men in endeavoring to raise my sunk scow by the action of the tide by the use of the three other scows — Elvira Mitchell took tea with the family — & taking mine as usual at a later hour after the day is fully ended
6th day 6th Spent the day principally at the C. House Eve at home — the attempt to raise the scow was frustrated by the parting of one of the chains last Eve — — but renewed endeavors were to day successful in bringing her into shoal water so that her load could be taken off
7th day 7th forenoon devoted to out of door business. Mng & afternoon at the C. house Eve. at home
1st day 8th attended meetg — & called at bro. Wm. Spent an hour at the C. House towards night and later Eve. an hour with Machent H. at A. Roberson — saw a splendid Aurora in returning home